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EURO 2015

27th European Conference on Operational Research

Glasgow, UK, July 12-15, 2015

We are working hard on the programme and planning for the 27th European Conference on Operational Research (**EURO2015**). The registration site will open shortly. Keep visiting **www.euro2015.org** for further details. As an important member of the OR Community, we want you to join us in Glasgow between 12 -15 July 2015.

EURO2015 is the premier European conference for Operational Research and Management Science (ORMS), organised by the **Association of European Operational Research Societies** in conjunction with the **OR Society of the UK**. The conference will host streams from all branches of ORMS, alongside keynotes and plenaries from leading international thinkers and tutorials on emerging areas of interest. The conference will include presentations and discussions that will have a particular focus on the practice of O.R. These sessions will be of relevance to Consultants, Analysts and Decision Makers - in fact, anyone with a passion for making the 'real-world' more effective.

We look forward to welcoming you to our very exciting conference in Glasgow.

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EUROXXVII Annual Conference
12-15 July 2015
University of Strathclyde

Joint ORSC/EURO International Conference 2015 on Continuous Optimization

Shanghai, China, May 10-12, 2015

Overview
Continuous optimization is a highly interconnected field, having close relationships to the other areas of OR, with scientific computing and numerical analysis, and with numerous application areas. In order to promote academic communication and cooperation between Chinese and European researchers and practitioners in the field of continuous optimization, **Operations Research Society of China (ORSC)** and the **Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO)** will organize the Joint ORSC/EURO International Conference 2015 on Continuous Optimization during May 10-12, 2015. Dr. Xiaodong Hu (the President of ORSC) and Dr. Gerhard Wäscher (President of EURO) are co-chairs of the conference, Dr. Yuhong Dai (President of the Math Programming Subsociety of ORSC) and Dr. Julius Zilinskas (Chair of EUROPT Managing Board) are the co-chairs of program committee and Dr. Yanqin Bai (Shanghai University, Shanghai) and Dr. Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (Middle East Technical University, Ankara) are the co-chairs of organization committee.
Full papers could be submitted after the conference to the special issue of **Journal of the Operations Research Society of China** to be published by the end of 2015.

Deadlines & Important Dates
* Abstract submissions: February 13, 2015
* Notification of acceptance of abstracts: February 27, 2015
* Online registration/room reservation: March 13, 2015
* On-site registration: May 10, 2015
* Conference dates: May 11-12, 2015
* Full paper submissions for special issue: July 10, 2015
* Notification of acceptance of full papers: October 9, 2015
* Final version submissions: November 13, 2015

Conference Venue and Website

The conference will be held in Shanghai, the largest Chinese city by population and described as the "showpiece" of the booming economy of mainland China. The conference venue is New LeHuLou Hotel in Shanghai University located in the heart of Shanghai. More information could be found on the conference website http://orsc-euro2015.csp.escience.cn

EURO Support for NATCOR Bursaries
Deadline January 18, 2015

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NATCOR
A National Taught Course Centre in Operational Research

NATCOR, a National Taught Course Centre in Operational Research, delivers taught courses in the UK to PhD students on a number of different topics in OR. Please see the NATCOR website for more details: **http://www.natcor.ac.uk/**

EURO is pleased to announce the availability of a limited number of bursaries for PhD students to attend NATCOR courses. http://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1568/natcor-bursaries

The NATCOR course fees and accommodation (typically bed and breakfast) will be funded by EURO for successful candidates.

Applicants must be PhD students, from one of the EURO member countries or studying in one of the EURO member countries. (see **http://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1457/member-societies**). Applicants must have good English Language skills as all NATCOR courses will be in English. Preference will be given to students in their first or second years but all are welcome to apply. Preference will also be given to applicants who have not previously received support from EURO for NATCOR or other PhD schools.

To apply for a bursary candidates should submit the application form (**http://www.euro-online.org/media_site/forms/NATCOR_App.doc**), their curriculum vitae (including their academic track record), a letter outlining their motivation to attend, and a letter of recommendation from their supervisor to the Vice President 2 of EURO:

Prof. José Fernando Oliveira
Email: **VP2@euro-online.org**

Important Dates

Deadline for applications: **January 18, 2015**
Notification of acceptance: January 26, 2015

EURO Awards 2015
EURO Excellence in Practice Award

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Sponsored by **IBM Research - Zurich**

This is an invitation for authors to submit a paper for the above award.

PURPOSE
The purposes of the competition are to:

- recognise outstanding accomplishments in the practice of Operational Research;
- attract more application-oriented papers to EURO-k Conferences;
- promote the practice of Operational Research in general.

GUIDELINES
All interested authors are invited to submit a detailed description of an application of Operational Research which has original features, whether in methodology, application or implementation. This may be in the form of a paper written for publication (although not necessarily published at the time of submission), a client report, or other appropriate documentation. The documentation must describe the work in a way which illustrates how it meets the criteria outlined below. The age limit for published papers is four years. The work must not have been submitted concurrently to another competition. The application is open to Operational Research specialists from any part of the world.

EVALUATION CRITERIA
The criteria for the evaluation of the papers are:

- scientific quality;
- relevance to Operational Research;
- originality in methodology, implementations and/ or field of application;

- a real impact on practice;
- appreciation by the organisation involved with the application.

Letters of appreciation are important.

THE PROCESS
The jury selects a short-list of finalists who will present their work in a special session of the 2015 EURO-k Conference in Glasgow. There is no registration fee for one author of each of the finalist presentations. The winner will be determined by the jury at the end of the special session and will be announced by the chair of the jury during the closing session of the EURO-k Conference.

THE PRIZE
The prize for the winners is a distinct honour, and in material terms consists of:

- a certificate of excellence in OR practice for each author of the paper;
- an amount of €3,000 shared between the authors.

THE JURY

- Luca Gambardella (Switzerland) - chair
- Ton G. de Kok (The Netherlands)
- Ulrich Dorndorf (Germany)
- Marco Laumanns (Switzerland)
- Sue Merchant (UK)

SUBMISSION
Please submit the material online on **http://www.euro-online.org/awards/eepa2015/registration.php** before **February 28, 2015**.

EURO Awards 2015

EURO Doctoral Dissertation Award

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The EDDA (EURO Doctoral Dissertation Award) is a EURO instrument. It consists of a prize that is awarded at each EURO-k conference. The purpose of the prize is to distinguish an outstanding PhD thesis in Operational Research defended in the countries having an OR society that is member of EURO. It will be awarded for the seventh time at the closing session of the EURO XXVII Conference in Glasgow.

Eligibility of applications
The EDDA 2015 jury will only consider PhD theses in Operational Research defended between 15 January 2013 (i.e., the deadline for the preceding edition of the prize) and 15 January 2015. The dissertation must have been defended in a University located in a member country of EURO. The author of the dissertation must be a member of a member society of EURO.

To be considered, a dissertation should be nominated by the supervisor of the thesis (one of them in case of multiple supervisors). The supervisor of the dissertation is asked to provide the jury with the following information:

1. The text of the dissertation;
2. An extended abstract (3 to 5 pages) of the dissertation; this abstract should be written in English and should include precise keywords;
3. If the dissertation contains co-authored articles, be it published papers or unpublished manuscripts, the candidate's contribution has to be specified for each co-authored article;
4. If the dissertation is not written in English, a paper in English authored (or co-authored) by the author of the dissertation and describing the core ideas of the thesis. This paper should preferably have been published in or submitted to an international journal;
5. Nomination letters (or reports) from two referees selected by the dissertation supervisor, supporting the submission and stating their assessment of why the thesis should win the award;
6. An up-to-date CV of the candidate, including a list of publications.

No nomination will be considered without these items.

Since many PhD theses in OR are defended each year, the jury would like to remind supervisors that only outstanding pieces of work have a reasonable chance of winning the award.

Jury
The jury consists of:

- Hartmut Stadtler (Germany) - chair
- Ahti Salo (Finland)
- Richard Hartl (Austria)
- Maria Antónia Carravilla (Portugal)
- Lidija Zadnik-Stirn (Slovenia)

Selection process

The selection process consists of two phases.

Phase 1:
Each application is studied by several members of the jury. The jury selects a shortlist of three finalists. The jury evaluates the applications taking the following points into account:

- Originality and novelty of the subject;
- Pertinence of the subject for OR;
- Depth and breadth of the results;
- Contributions of the dissertation to the theory and practice of OR;
- Applications and/or potential applicability of the results;
- Impact on related fields;
- Quality of the related publications.

Phase 2:
These 3 finalists are invited to present their contribution in front of the jury and any other interested participants during a special EDDA session scheduled at the EURO 2015 conference. The jury selects the final laureate after the session.

Award
The prize consists of a certificate and reward of €1,000.
The three finalists are granted the early registration fee at the EURO 2015 conference at which they participate as such. EURO will also contribute to their travel and accommodation expenses.

Deadlines
Please submit the material (zipped file) online on
http://www.euro-online.org/awards/edda2015/registration.php before **February 28, 2015**.
The nomination of the three finalists will be made public before 15 April 2015.

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EURO Journal on Computational Optimization

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Special Issue: Call for Papers on Nonlinear and Combinatorial Methods for Energy Optimization

Guest Editors:
Claudia D'Ambrosio, Antonio Frangioni, Andrea Lodi, Martin Mevissen

Deadline for submission: **January 31, 2015**

Following the recent successful "Workshop on Mathematical Models and Methods for Energy Optimization (CWM^3EO)" http://www.math.bme.hu/CostWG2014 of the EU COST-Action TD1207 on "Mathematical Optimization in the Decision Support Systems for Efficient and Robust Energy Networks (ICT)" http://energy-opt.eu and in anticipation of the forthcoming PGMO-COST "Workshop on Validation and Software" http://www.fondation-hadamard.fr/fr/pgmo/conferences/2014/cost we are glad to announce a special issue of the EURO Journal on Computational Optimization (EJCO) about "Nonlinear and Combinatorial Methods for Energy Optimization".

Energy optimization is among the biggest challenges of our time; since energy is a scarce resource the efficient production and fair distribution of energy is associated with many technical, economical, political and ethical issues like environmental protection and people health. Optimization problems arise at different levels: planning, production, transmission, distribution, maintenance, only to mention a few.

We are looking for papers related to the themes of optimization methods applied to the energy optimization context. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
- Energy markets
- Unit commitment
- Economic dispatch
- Nuclear reactors outage
- Infrastructure planning
- Energy distribution

- Smart grid optimization
- Integration of renewables
- Nonlinear and discrete methods for energy related challenges

All interested researchers are invited to submit by January 31, 2015 high quality contributions to the website
https://www.editorialmanager.com/ejco/

In order to submit a paper for a Special Issue,

1. Log on the editorial manager using the Author Login.
2. Select Submit New Manuscript in the main menu.
3. In the drop down list associated with Choose Article Type, select the desired special issue ("SI: Nonlinear and Combinatorial Methods for Energy Optimization"). Note that the entries corresponding to the special issues start with SI.

EURO PhD School on Routing and Logistics

Brescia, Italy, June 24 - July 3, 2015

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Location and dates
The EURO PhD School on 'Routing and logistics' will take place at the Department of Economics and Management of the University of Brescia from June 24th (Wednesday) to July 3rd (Friday), 2015.

Scope and organization
The School aims at training PhD students in the area of routing and logistics and is made possible thanks to the financial support of EURO (the Association of European Operational Research Societies). The topics include: introduction to routing and logistic problems, branch-and-cut methods, branch-and-price methods, design and analysis of heuristics, worst-case analysis, arc routing problems, optimization problems in logistics, software and applications.
The School will be organized in morning and afternoon sessions. Social activities will be organized as well. All morning sessions will be devoted to lectures delivered by experienced and well-known scientists. The afternoon sessions will take place in a computer lab and will be aimed at enabling the students to learn how the models and methods presented in the morning sessions can be implemented.

Scientific Prerequisites
Interested students should know linear programming, mixed integer linear programming and a computer language.

Admission
Participants have to be from a EURO member society country, or studying in a EURO member society country. They have to be enrolled in a PhD program, and, preferably, in an early stage of their studies. A maximum number of 35 participants will be accepted. To apply, interested students are requested to send their curriculum vitae (including their academic track record), a letter outlining their motivation to attend, and a letter of recommendation from their supervisor to the Scientific Committee of the EPS, **eps.ral@unibs.it**. The deadline is **January 31st, 2015**. Please also see the instructions provided at the school web site **eps-ral.unibs.it**.

A registration fee of 300€ will cover accommodation, material, coffee breaks, lunches, social activities and social dinner. VeRoLog will cover the fee for two students.

Organizing committee
M. Grazia Speranza (chair), Enrico Angelelli, Claudia Archetti, Luca Bertazzi, Carlo Filippi, Renata Mansini, Michele Vindigni, Nicola Bianchessi, Simona Cherubini, Gianfranco Guastaroba, Dario Fontana, Valentina Morandi.

EURO PhD School on Routing and Logistics

University of Brescia - Italy

June 24th - July 3rd, 2015

EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis

EWGLA XXII

Budapest, Hungary, May 20-22, 2015

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This is the first announcement for the **22nd EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis Meeting**, **EWGLA XXI**,

to be held in **Budapest, Hungary** on **May 20-22, 2015**. The conference will take place at the Corvinus University.

More information regarding the conference can be found in the conference web site: **www.math.bme.hu/ewgla2015**

Aims and Scope
The meeting intends to gather the operations research community from different parts of the world to share experiences in the field of locational analysis. Contributions are welcome from academia, industry or the public sector. In addition to presentations, the meeting is intended to be a forum for exchange of recent experiences and results.

Important Dates
·   Abstract submission deadline: 5 January 2015
·   Notification of acceptance: 5 February 2015
·   Early registration: 20 March 2015
·   Conference: 20-22 May 2015

We are looking forward to meeting you in Budapest!

EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization - VeRoLog

Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization 2015

Vienna, Austria, June 8-10, 2015

http://verolog2015.univie.ac.at/

The fourth meeting of the EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization will take place in Vienna from June 8-10, 2015.

The VeRoLog conference is an established annual meeting of the EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization - VeRoLog bringing together the large community of researchers and practitioners interested in vehicle routing optimization and its relations with logistics. The VeRoLog conference typically attracts between 150 and 200 researchers and practitioners from all over the world. The conference is open to high quality methodological contributions and relevant real-world applications and case studies from the industry and the services.

As an additional bonus to VeRoLog participants, the ELOCOT - Conference on Electromobility in Logistics and Commercial Transport will take place as a one day event on June 10, 2015. ELOCOT will be a forum for academics, practitioners, and policy makers discussing current research, trends, and successful use cases of electric mobility. A joint (VEROLOG - ELOCOT) panel discussion on the implications of CO_2 reduction policies and the broader introduction of electric vehicles for vehicle routing and logistics will be organized. Participation in the ELOCOT conference will be free of charge for VeRoLog participants.

Abstract submission

The abstract submission system of VeRoLog 2015 is now open:

http://www.euro-online.org/conf/verolog2015/

You are invited to submit an abstract of 1/3 page (max. 250 words) electronically via the link "Abstract submission" on the VeRoLog2015 webpage http://verolog2015.univie.ac.at/ or directly using the link above. In order to facilitate reviewing and grouping in sessions you are requested to enter some keywords w.r.t PROBLEM solved, solution METHOD, and if appropriate, SOFTWARE related issues, and ADDITIONAL aspects.

You can also propose to organize a session (of preferably 4 papers) on a pertinent topic of your choice. If you are interested, please send us your suggestion by e-mail to: **verolog2015@univie.ac.at**.

Accepted abstracts with a registered presenter will be included in the book of abstracts. At most one presentation per registered participant is accepted. All selected abstracts will be presented within parallel sessions during the conference. Selected high quality papers will be included in special issues of international journals edited after the conference.

Keynote speakers

Martin Savelsbergh, Georgia Tech, USA
Tolga Bektas, University of Southampton, UK

Important Dates

First call for papers: October 2014
Abstract submission opens: November 2014
Abstract submission deadline: January 16, 2015
Deadline for early registration: April 1, 2015

Conference: June 8-10, 2015

Conference Fee

Early registration 400 EUR
Late registration 480 EUR
PhD Student 280 EUR

The fee includes lunch and coffee breaks, the social programme and the conference dinner.
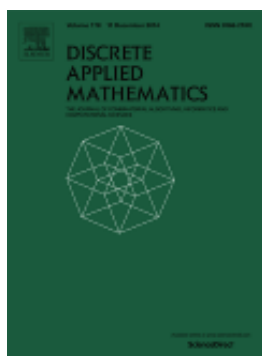
A pdf version of the CfP can be downloaded here:
http://prolog.univie.ac.at/Verolog2015/CfP_Verolog2015.pdf

EURO Working Group on Combinatorial Optimization, ECCO

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Discrete Applied Mathematics

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Combinatorial Optimization - Theory, Computation and Applications

Guest Editors:
Bo Chen, Peter Gritzmann, Silvano Martello

Deadline for submission: **December 31, 2014**

This special issue will present recent advances in all areas of Combinatorial Optimization. The issue will be based on contributions presented at ECCO XXVII-CO 2014, (Munich, May 1-3, 2014), but the invitation to submit is extended to all ECCO and CO members.

Main topics of interest are (but not restricted to):

* Approximation algorithms
* Exact algorithms
* Graphs and networks
* Heuristics
* Mathematical programming
* Metaheuristics
* Scheduling

All articles will be thoroughly refereed according to the high standards of Discrete Applied Mathematics.

The full papers must be submitted through the Elsevier Editorial System **http://ees.elsevier.com/dam/default.asp**

To ensure that all manuscripts are correctly identified for inclusion into the special issue the authors must select SI: ECCO-CO when they reach the "Article Type" step in the submission process.

For first-time users of Elsevier Editorial System, detailed instructions and tutorials for Authors and for Reviewers are available at: **http://help.elsevier.com/app/answers/list/p/7923**

Accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

We are looking forward to receiving your contribution.

Hellenic Operational Research Society (HELORS)

26th National Conference on Operational Research

Chania, Crete, Greece, June 4-6, 2015

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 4th International Symposium and 26th National Conference on Operational Research, which will be held in Chania-Crete, Greece (Creta Paradise Hotel), during 4-6 June, 2015.

The purpose of the Conference is to disseminate recent scientific advances in operational research and management science (OR/MS) and to promote international co-operation among researchers and practitioners working on OR/MS.

The Conference covers all topics relevant to the theory and applications of OR/MS and its connections with other disciplines. Please see the website for a list of indicative areas of interest.

Submissions & Publications

Abstracts (max 600 words) should be submitted by email (in MS Word format) until February 28, 2015 to **helors2015@isc.tuc.gr**

The abstract should include: (1) the title of the presentation, (2) names of all authors and full affiliation details (including postal and email address), (3) a brief description (at most 300 words) of the objectives of the research, the methodological procedures used, as well as the most important results.

Except for the abstracts, authors are also invited to submit full papers (max 5 pages) for publication in the proceedings of the Conference. The proceedings will be available in electronic form (with ISBN). Proceedings papers should be prepared in MS Word, in accordance with the guidelines available at the website of the Conference. Papers should be submitted by email at: **helors2015@isc.tuc.gr**. All submissions for publication in the proceedings will be reviewed by members of the scientific committee.

Selected papers from the Conference will be published (after review) in a special issue arranged with the **International Journal of Decision Support Systems** as well as in an edited volume that will be published in the **Springer Proceedings in Business and Economics**.

Important dates

Abstract submission: February 28, 2015
Notification of acceptance: March 15, 2015
Early registration: April 15, 2015
Full paper submission: April 15, 2015

Registration fees

Early registration (before April 15):

- Regular participants: 300 euros
- Students: 150 euros

Late registration (after April 15)

- Regular participants: 350 euros
- Students: 200 euros

A 50% discount rate applies to all members of HELORS.

Details about the registration process are available at the **website** of the Conference.

4th International Symposium &
26th National Conference on Operational Research
June 4-6, 2015, Chania-Greece

Central European Journal of Operations Research

Special Issue: Call for Papers on International Aspects of OR

Guest Editors:
Ulrike Reisach, Dorien DeTombe, Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber

Deadline for submission: **January 1, 2015**

At the occasion of the 20th Triennial Conference of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies

(IFORS XX), in Barcelona, Spain, July 13-18, 2014 (www.ifors2014.org), the Central European Journal of Operations Research (CEJOR) invites submissions of papers to a special issue on OR. The special issue will focus on theoretical and applied contributions in fields such as Energy/Environment and Climate, Methodology of Societal Complexity, OR for Developing Countries, and Behavioral OR. Topics are drawn from, but not limited to, the following fields of OR:

☐ Optimization, Control Theory & System Dynamics,
☐ Decision Analysis, Decision Support Systems (i.e., Policy Analytics) ,
☐ Emerging Applications of OR (i.e., Humanitarian Operations Research, Recent Advances in Earthquake Studies and Geoscience Applications),
☐ Energy / Environment and Climate,
☐ Methodology of Societal Complexity
☐ Location, Logistics, Transportation, Traffic,
☐ Operational Research Education, History, Ethics, and Behavioral OR,
☐ OR in Health & Life Sciences,
☐ OR in Natural Resources,
☐ OR for Development and Developing Countries.

In any submission related to any of those fields, the relation to International Aspects of OR needs to be demonstrated.

The Central European Journal of Operations Research is abstracted and indexed in the following databases: ABS Academic Journal Quality Guide, Academic OneFile, Business Source, Current Abstracts, Digital Mathematics Registry, E-JEL, EconLit, Google Scholar, International Abstracts in Operations Research, Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition, Mathematical Reviews, OCLC, Research Papers in Economics (RePEc), Science Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch), SCOPUS, Summon by Serial Solutions, TOC Premier, VINITI - Russian Academy of Science, Zentralblatt Math.

Submission Details: Researchers in the above mentioned fields are cordially invited to submission. Participants of IFORS XX are the primary target group, but also others may submit. The format of manuscripts for Central European Journal of Operations Research (CEJOR) as well as guidelines and templates can be found on the following web page:

http://www.springer.com/business+&+management/operations+research/journal/10100.

During the online submission, please make sure to select "SI: International Aspects of OR" in the first step of the submission process.

All contributions will be rigorously refereed and a certain number of submissions selected. For submission of your paper and in case of any question please contact by e-mail one of the following guest editors:

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OR Spectrum

Special Issue: Call for Papers on
Project Management and Scheduling

Guest Editors:

Rainer Kolisch, Erik Demeulemeester, Ruben Ruiz, Vincent T'Kindt, Jan Weglarz

Deadline for submission: **December 31, 2014**

Project management and scheduling are major issues for every company and organization. This special issue addresses quantitative approaches to project management and scheduling in order to improve managerial decision-making. Papers should employ a rigorous quantitative research methodology, preferably operations research, and should demonstrate relevance and practicable implications. Purely empirical papers are outside the scope of the journal.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Risk in Project Management and Scheduling
- Multi Criteria Decisions in Project Management and Scheduling
- Behavioural Aspects of Project Management and Scheduling
- New Models and Applications in Project Management and Scheduling
- Multi-Project Management
- Project Evaluation and Control
- Project Portfolio Planning
- Resource-Constrained Project Scheduling
- Machine and Shop Scheduling
- Grid and Parallel Scheduling

Submission guidelines and review process:
The paper must be written in English and submitted using the Editorial Management System at **http://www.editorialmanager.com/orsp/**. Each paper submitted will be screened by the Editor-in-Chief and one special issue editor. If the paper is deemed to be of sufficient quality, it will be reviewed according to the standards of OR Spectrum by at least two experienced reviewers and an editor. We will adopt a rapid and fair review process striving to provide reviews within three months of submission. Accepted papers will be available online prior to the publication of the special issue. For questions regarding the suitability of a paper for the special issue, please contact the Editor-in-Chief.

OR Spectrum:
Impact Factor 1.09, 5-Year Impact Factor 2.2, journal website: **www.springer.com/journal/291**

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Important Dates:
December 31, 2014 - Manuscript submission deadline
March 31, 2015: First decision
2016: Publication of the special issue

11th Metaheuristics International Conference
MIC'2015
Agadir, Morocco, June 7-10, 2015

Scope of the Conference
The Metaheuristics International Conference (MIC) series was established in 1995 and this is its 11th edition. MIC is the main event focusing on the progress of the area of metaheuristics and their applications. As in previous editions, MIC'2015 will provide an opportunity to the international research community in metaheuristics to discuss recent research results, to develop new ideas and collaborations, and to meet old friends and make new ones in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

MIC'2015 welcomes presentations that cover any aspects of metaheuristic research such as new algorithmic developments, high-impact applications, new research challenges, theoretical developments, implementation issues, and in-depth experimental studies. MIC'2015 strives for a high-quality program that will be completed by a number of invited talks, tutorials, workshops and special sessions.

Important Dates

Submission deadline	Feb 6, 2015
Notification of acceptance	March 20, 2015
Camera ready copy	April 10, 2015
Early registration	April 10, 2015
Conference	June 7-10, 2015

Submission Details

We will accept submissions in three different formats.

S1) Original research contributions for publication in the conference proceedings of a maximum of 10 pages
S2) Extended abstracts of work-in-progress and position papers on an important research aspect of a maximum of 3 pages
S3) High-quality manuscripts that have recently, within the last year, been submitted or accepted for journal publication

Accepted contributions of categories S1 and S2 will be published in the MIC'2015 conference proceedings. Accepted contributions of category S3 will be orally presented at the conference, but not be included into the conference proceedings.

The submission server is available at **http://www.lifl.fr/MIC2015**

Proceedings and publication

Accepted papers in categories S1 and S2 will be published in the proceedings that will be available at the conference. In addition, a post-conference special issue of an appropriate journal (confirmation pending) and book (Operations Research / Computer Science Interfaces series of Springer Verlag) is planned to be published. Participants will be invited to submit extended versions of their work for consideration.

Best Paper Award

A best paper award will be presented at the conference. Only papers submitted in category S1 will be eligible for the best paper award.

Conference Location

The conference will be held in Agadir, Morocco. Agadir is the top tourist destination in Morocco on the border of the ocean.

Further Information

Up-to-date information will be published on the web site **http://www.lifl.fr/MIC2015**.
For information about local arrangements, registration forms, etc., please refer to the above-mentioned web site or contact the organizers.

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Special Issue: Call for Papers on Interdisciplinarity in Operations Management

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Global production networks, the rapid development of technology, market dynamics, fierce competition and the increasing relevance of sustainability put severe pressure on current practices in operations management. Understanding the emerging issues in operations management and providing adequate decision support will increasingly require to take an interdisciplinary perspective, combining theory and methodology from different scientific domains such as economy, operations research, psychology, engineering, and social sciences.

This special issue welcomes high quality papers from researchers and practitioners engaged in interdisciplinary research in the field of operations management. The objective will be to encourage research in this important area by addressing different problem areas, as well as different styles of research (including non-traditional approaches) that may be of interest to the business economics community.

Topics of particular interest include:

- Managing the marketing-operations interface
- Behavioral operations management
- Energy and resource efficiency in production and logistics
- Organizational issues and inefficiency in operations management
- Inter- and intra-organizational conflicts

- Supply chain analysis
- Multi-method approaches to operations management

Submission

Please submit your manuscript online via **www.springer.com/11573** (maximum length 25 pages). Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. Manuscripts will be reviewed in an anonymous, double-blind process by distinguished referees with regard to relevance, originality, and research quality in order to guarantee the highest possible quality.

Deadline and important dates

- Submission of full manuscript: April 15, 2015
- Author notification: July 30, 2015
- Submission of revised manuscript: October 31, 2015
- Notification of final decision: before August 31, 2016

Upcoming Conferences

Event Date	Event	Location	Submission Deadline
4th-6th December 2014	54th EWGCFM meeting	Milano, Italy	
8th-10th December 2014	VIII ALIO/EURO Workshop on Applied Combinatorial Optimization	Montevideo, Uruguay	9th June 2014
9th-12th December 2014	Special Session on Optimization Methods in Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (OMBB)	Orlando, Florida, USA	15th June 2014
11th-13th January 2015	2015 INFORMS Computing Society Conference	Richmond, Virginia	20th October 2014
11th-16th January 2015	NICTA 3rd International Optimisation Summer School	Kiola, New South Wales, Australia	
12th-16th January 2015	NetOPt2015: 4th Winter School on Network Optimization	Estoril, Portugal	5th November 2014
23rd-27th February 2015	ELAVIO XIX	Quito, Ecuador	14th December 2014
25th-26th February 2015	Workshop "Sustainability and Decision Making"	Aachen, Germany	7th January 2015
25th-27th February 2015	ROADEF 2015	Marseille, France	10th November 2014
26th February 2015	5th Karlsruhe Service Summit	Karlsruhe, Germany	12th December 2014
30th March-1st April 2015	EURO Mini Conference on Improving HealthCare: new challenges, new multidisciplinary approaches	Coimbra, Portugal	23rd November 2014
12th-14th April, 2015	2015 INFORMS Conference on Business Analytics and O.R	California, USA	

20th-22nd April, 2015	ORPA'2015	Algeria, Africa	1st December 2014
10th-12th May, 2015	Joint ORSC/EURO International Conference 2015 on Continuous Optimization	Shanghai, China	13th February 2015
11th-13th May, 2015	INCOM2015	Ottawa, Canada	30th November 2014
11th-13th May, 2015	ICCSAMA/MCO 2015	Metz, France	10th January 2015
18th-20th May, 2015	INOC 2015	Warsaw, Poland	1st December 2014
18th-22nd May, 2015	CP-AI-OR 2015	Barcelona, Spain	14th November 2014
20th-22nd May, 2015	EWGLA XXII	Budapest, Hungary	5th January 2015
27th-29th May, 2015	ICDSST 2015	Belgrade, Serbia	30th November 2014
28th-30th May, 2015	ECCO XXVIII 2015	Catania, Italy	15th March 2015
31st May-5th June, 2015	ODYSSEUS 2015	Ajaccio, France	16th November 2014
1st-6th June, 2015	10th Conference on Stochastic Models of Manufacturing and Service Operations - SMMSO 2015	Volos, Greece	15th January 2015
4th-6th June, 2015	HELORS 26th National Conference on Operational Research	Chania, Greece	28th February 2015
7th-10th June, 2015	11th Metaheuristics International Conference MIC'2015	Agadir, Morocco	6th February 2015
8th-10th June, 2015	VeRoLog 2015	Vienna, Austria	16th January 2015
14th-17th June 2015	CORS-INFORMS Joint International Meeting	Montreal, Canada	16th January 2015
15th-17th June 2015	17th British-French-German Conference on Optimization	London, UK	6th March 2015
15th-27th June 2015	EURO Summer Institute on Online Optimization	Szeged, Hungary	31st January 2015

6th-8th July 2015	[2015 TSL Workshop](#)	Berlin, Germany	15th January 2015
12th-15th July 2015	[EURO XXVII Annual Conference. EURO 2015](#)	Glasgow, UK	16th March 2015
12th-17th July 2015	[ISMP 2015](#)	Pittsburgh, PA USA	2nd March 2015
14th-16th July 2015	[EWGT 2015](#)	Delft, The Netherlands	12th December 2014
19th-23rd July 2015	[CASPT2015](#)	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	30th November 2014
29th-31st July 2015	[2015 INFORMS Healthcare Conference](#)	Nashville, Tennessee	11th March 2015
2nd-6th August 2015	[APORS 2015](#)	Kuching Sarawak, Malaysia	28th February 2015
24th-27th August 2015	[13th International Conference on Data Envelopment Analysis - DEA2015](#)	Braunschweig, Germany	15th February 2015
25th-28th August 2015	[MISTA 2015](#)	Prague, Czech Republic	29th January 2015
23rd-25th September 2015	[13th International Symposium in Operations Research in Slovenia (SOR '15)](#)	Bled, Slovenia	5th June 2015
23rd-25th September 2015	[6th International Conference on Computational Logistics (ICCL'15)](#)	Delft, The Netherlands	3rd April 2015
28th September -10th October 2015	[Combinatorial Optimization at Work 2015](#)	Berlin, Germany	1st August 2015
3rd-6th July 2016	EURO XXVIII Annual Conference. EURO 2016	Poznan, Poland	

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