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Special Announcements

21st Conference of the International
Federation of Operational Research Societies



IFORS 2017

Québec City, Canada, 17-21 July, 2017

OR/Analytics for a Better World

Due to several requests, the deadline for abstract submission is extended to **FEBRUARY 17TH******

You can submit your abstract at <https://www.euro-online.org/conf/ifors2017/welcome>

<http://ifors2017.ca/>

IFORS 2017 will be held in the heart of Québec City, at walking distance from its UNESCO World Heritage historic center, and will bring together operational researchers from around the globe.

IFORS 2017 will be a memorable scientific event. The plenary speakers are outstanding: Egon Balas (Harold Larnder prize winner), **Martine Labbé** (EURO plenary speaker), **Alvin Roth** (2012 Nobel prize winner), **Andres Weintraub**. The excellent keynote speakers will deliver tutorials (one hour each) on a variety of topics: **Stefania Bellavia** (Computational aspects in second order methods for large scale optimization), **Julia Bennell** (Get packing! Key

concepts and future directions in cutting and packing problems), **John Birge** (Stochastic optimization with particles and Markov chains), **Sophie D'Amours** (Value chain modeling and optimization in the forest sector), **Ulrike Leopold-Wildburger** (Operations research and behavioral economics), **Avishai Mandelbaum** (Theoretical research in OR/IE/OM: A theory- and data-based journey through service systems), **Asuman Ozdaglar** (Incremental methods for additive convex cost optimization), **Roman Slowiński** (Preference learning through robust ordinal regression), **Dave Stanford** (Key performance indicators and their optimal performance), **Detlof von Winterfeldt** (Decision analysis to improve homeland security).

The deadline for abstract submission is **February 17th**. You can submit your abstract at <https://www.euro-online.org/conf/ifors2017/welcome> (accessible also through the web site of the conference). Don't miss the deadline!

We look forward to meeting you in Québec City in 2017.

Irène Abi-Zeid
M.Grazia Speranza



Joint EURO/ORSC/ECCO International Conference 2017 on Combinatorial Optimization (ECCO XXX) Koper, Slovenia, 3-6 May 2017



<http://ecco2017.euro-online.org/en/>

The 30th Anniversary conference **ECCO XXX - 2017** will be a joint **EURO/ORSC /ECCO International Conference on Combinatorial Optimization**.



It will be organized and hosted by the University of Primorska and its Faculty of Mathematics, Natural sciences and Information technologies, and Andrej Marusic Institute.

The conference will be held, on May 3-6, 2017, in the medieval town of Koper, Slovenia, located on the Mediterranean coast in close proximity of many touristic hotspots (like, e.g., Venice, Ljubljana, Skocjan Caves)

Plenary Speakers

Robert Bixby
Xiaotie Deng
Bernard Ries
Gerhard Woeginger (EURO Plenary)

Important Dates

Conference website online: Nov. 1, 2016
Abstract submissions opens: Dec. 1, 2016
Abstract submission closes: **March 1, 2017**

General Conference Committee

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with special thanks to Gerhard Wäscher, who took care of all contacts with the Chinese society.

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Pre-Congress Tour

A special pre-congress tour to Venice on May 2, 2017 (including transfer to Koper on May 3, 2016) will be offered to interested participants.

Special Issues

Two special issues (Discrete Applied Mathematics, Journal of the Operations Research Society of China) will be dedicated to the conference.

7th International Conference on Logistics and Maritime Systems

LOGMS 2017

Bergen, Norway, 23-26 August, 2017

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LOGMS 2017

<http://www.logms2017.org>

We are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract to LOGMS 2017. All works related to theoretical developments and applications of logistics and maritime systems are welcome.

Topics include (but are not limited to):

- *Analytics in logistics and maritime systems
- *Automation in container terminals
- *Carrier alliances and collaborative logistics
- *Data science and IT-technologies in logistics and maritime systems
- *Design of transportation networks
- *Empty container management
- *Environmental issues in transportation
- *Freight rates and markets
- *Industrial applications in transportation systems (air, sea, road and rail transport)
- *Multimodal transportation systems
- *Onshore transportation of containers
- *Optimization modeling and simulation analysis of logistics systems
- *Performance measures and efficiency analysis in logistics systems
- *Port operations
- *Real-time control of logistics activities in container terminals
- *Scheduling in logistics and maritime systems
- *Ship routing and fleet management
- *Shipping maintenance and warehouse services
- *Stowage plans for container vessels
- *Terminal design and operation
- *Transport planning in freight carrier networks
- *Vehicle routing and fleet management

Abstracts should contain no more than 500 words. Full papers presented at the conference will be welcome for consideration of publication in a special issue of the Flexible Services and Manufacturing Journal (Springer).

Important dates:

- 28 February 2017** - Deadline abstract submission
- 31 March 2017 - Notification of acceptance/rejection
- 30 June 2017 - Speaker registration deadline

LOGMS 2017 is co-organized with the **Norwegian Operations Research Society (NORS)**.

A EURO Plenary will be delivered by Professor Stefan Voss, The University of Hamburg.

For questions, please email us at: logms2017@nhh.no

European Study in OR/MS Education. Brief Results and Preliminary Trends.



A survey was conducted amongst European universities and other higher education institutions (see <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ORMSEducation>), from June to October 2015, as the first phase of the "European Study on OR/MS Education". The related results, and preliminary trends are presented in several conferences in the summer of 2016 (e.g., [EURO 2016](#), [KOI 2016](#)).

As of now, the survey's Report is made available at the EU-Survey platform, both on a [screen-version](#) and an "eco-friendly" [printing-version](#).

By sharing the aggregate results, the main trends being discussed, the contributions of interested colleagues in additional actions on OR/MS Education are very welcome, driving this way new developments that can complement this consultation on OR/MS Education.

> [ABSTRACT - European Study on OR/MS Education](#)

> [SUMMARY Panel Discussion - EURO 2016 - Poznan PL - 04 July 2016](#)

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2017 EURO Winter Institute on "Methods and Models in Transportation Problems"



Bressanone, Italy, 14-23 February, 2017

http://www.ewgt.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=42&Itemid=119

The EURO Winter Institute on "**Methods and Models in Transportation Problems**" will take place in Bressanone, Italy, from the 14th to the 23rd of February 2017. The event will be hosted by University of Padova and is organized by Euro Working Group on Transportation, under the patronage and sponsorship of the Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO). It aims at gathering early stage researchers will establish a network of outstanding people who hopefully will continue to work together in the future.

We wish all the participants and organisers a very successful and productive week, as well as lots of fun at the social activities.

Working Groups

EWG EPA, EURO working group on
Efficiency and Productivity Analysis

Upcoming Events



<http://www.blqdataresearch.org/>

Webinar - "An Intermediary Understanding of SQL"

Date: **22 February 2017, 2pm - 3pm**

For more information or to register your interest, please visit: blqdataresearch.org/intermediarysqlwebinar/

Webinar - "An Introduction to Data Mining"

Date: **9 March 2017, 2pm - 3pm**

For more information or to register your interest, please visit: blqdataresearch.org/dataminingwebinar/

Training - "Mortality Estimation and Forecasting With Smoothing and Overdispersion"

Date: **14 March, 2pm to 3:30pm**

For more information or to register your interest, please visit: blqdataresearch.org/sasnetseminarmortality/

EWG EU/ME, EURO working group on
Metaheuristics

EU/ME 2017 - 18th Free workshop on
metaheuristics for a better world

Rome, Italy, 3-4 April, 2017



www.eume2017.it

The 18th EU/ME workshop on metaheuristics for a better world will be hosted by IASI-CNR, the Istituto di Analisi dei Sistemi ed Informatica, part of Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche.

This workshop aims to bring together researchers from all over the world interested in discussing the latest progress in the field of metaheuristic optimization.

The workshop will be free of charge but registration is requested. [Click here to register](#).

If you are interested in presenting at this conference, [submit an abstract](#).

Deadline for submission: **Wed 15 March 2017**.

EWG DSS, EURO working group on Decision Support Systems

ICDSST 2017

Namur, Belgium, 29-31 May, 2017



<https://icdsst2017.wordpress.com/>

Purpose of the ICDSST 2017

The main purpose of the EWGDSS 2017 International Conference on Decision Support System Technology (ICDSST 2017), with its main theme on "Data, Information and Knowledge Visualisation in Decision Making", is to attract researchers, developers and specialists in the related areas of decision making, including its methodologies and technologies, as well as application oriented practitioners directed to the implementation of solutions for societal challenges, to get together in order to exchange experiences and identify the key issues within the areas in focus, so that exploitation of new approaches and tools for future developments can take place.

Depending on the research domain, frontiers between data, information and knowledge are not always very formally specified. Whatever the chosen definition, one will agree on the fact that the three of them are concerned with decision, decision making and decision support

ICDSST 2017 Main Theme

This ICDSST 2017 will study the role, the qualities, the models and methods offered by visualisation of data, information and knowledge in the process of decision and the mechanisms of decision support. From data analysis, to knowledge sharing, going through information extraction, visualisation can offer key support to all the phases of a decision making process. In particular, in group decision, where communication is a critical aspect, an efficient visual support facilitates the process.

Important dates

Short papers

Submission: **1 March 2017**

Authors' notification: 10 April 2017

Camera ready version: 20 April 2017

Poster Session

Submission: **15 March 2017**

Authors' notification: 10 April 2017

Camera ready version: 20 April 2017

Participation Registration: May 8, 2017

EWG CFM, EURO working group on Commodities and Financial Modelling / EURO working group on Stochastic Optimization



Workshop in Memory of Marida Bertocchi and CMS2017 Computational Management Science

Bergamo, Italy, 29 May and 30 May - 1 June,
2017

<http://dinamico2.unibg.it/cms2017/Workshop.html>



We are pleased to announce that the EURO Working Group for Commodities and Financial Modeling is organizing a One Day Workshop in Memory of **Marida Bertocchi** on the occasion of the Conference on Computational and Management Science which will be held in Bergamo on May 30-June 1 2017. The One Day Workshop will take place on May 29th and will feature contributions by EWGCFM members.

<http://dinamico2.unibg.it/cms2017/index.htm>

The CMS conference is an annual meeting associated with the **Journal of Computational Management Science** published by Springer. The aim of this conference is to provide a forum for theoreticians and practitioners from academia and industry to exchange knowledge, ideas and results in a broad range of topics relevant to the theory and practice of computational methods in management science.

The focus is on theoretical and empirical studies of computational methods, models and empirical analyses related to computational economics, finance and statistics, energy, scheduling, supply chains to name the most popular in the last conference editions. Applied research on the design, analysis and applications of optimization algorithms, deterministic, dynamic, stochastic, robust and combinatorial optimization models including solution algorithms, learning and forecasting methods, models and tools of knowledge acquisition, such as data mining, and all other topics in management science with the emphasis on computational paradigms, find a natural venue in CMS conference streams.

The CMS2017 conference will devote a special emphasis on computational aspects related to large-scale-optimization and statistical learning applied to risk management and control problems in any management domain.

CMS2017 is jointly organized by the University of Bergamo, the Georgia Institute of Technology (GeorgiaTech) and the CMS Journal. The Euro Working Group on Stochastic Programming supports the initiative through a Student Best Paper Prize to be awarded to a young researcher according to the rules at <http://dinamico2.unibg.it/cms2017/studentprize.html>.

Important Deadlines

Abstract submission - **March 15, 2017**

Abstract acceptance - March 31, 2017

Early registration - April 15, 2017

We kindly ask you to submit your session or contributed talk through the [submission system](#).

Please consider that to upload either the abstract or a session you will be required to register with the EURO if you don't have a EURO account. The conference has a unique stream named CMS2017 and session codes to be agreed between the session proponents and the Organizing committee.

EWG DSO, EURO working group on Data Science meets Optimization Workshop on Data Science meets Optimisation San Sebastián, Spain/Padova, Italy, 5 June, 2017



<http://ds-o.org/index.php/workshops/dso-workshops-2017>

Scope

The interaction of data science (DS) and optimisation (O) is the central theme of the working group (DSO). DSO originates from the observation that, on the one hand, real time optimisation algorithms are tightly linked to the data-context, and on the other hand, many data-analytic algorithms rely on optimisation algorithms, while many modern optimisation algorithms have some form of machine learning embedded. The first observation has a.o. led to developments in automated algorithm tuning, configuration and construction to adapt or even create algorithms from a historical body of data. The second observation is cause to development of similar ideas in different contexts but without much interaction. It is the aim of the working group to bring the two domains closer to each to better contribute to the aims of EURO, the European Organisation for Operations Research.

Aim

The aim of the current bi-located workshop is to organise an open discussion and exchange of ideas by researchers from different domains. Authors are invited to send in a contribution in the form of a position paper. A reviewing panel will select the papers to be presented at the workshop according to their suitability to the aims. Finished work highlighting the opportunities will be welcomed, as will be sound descriptions and elaborations on good ideas. Following the workshop, a special issue will be prepared.

Colocated with

[2017 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation \(CEC2017\)](#)

Donostia - San Sebastián, Spain, June 5-8, 2017
and simultaneously

[2017 Conference of Constraint Programming, Artificial Intelligence and Operational Research \(CPAIOR 2017\)](#)

Padova, Italy, June 5-8, 2017

Paper Submission:

Please send your contribution by e-mail to [this address](#) and use the subject Workshop on Data Science meets Optimisation. Your paper can, but need not, be a second contribution apart from a regular paper or a special session contribution. If applicable, please mention your other contribution in the submitting e-mail. Also, please mention which of the two conferences (CEC2017 or CPAIOR 2017) you will attend.

If your submission is specifically sent to the workshop (and not as a regular paper to either CEC2017 or CPAIOR 2017), then to help ensure correct formatting please use the [IEEE conference paper templates](#) (US Letter). Please prepare the manuscripts **following the template instructions**. Only papers prepared in PDF format will be accepted.

*Paper Length: 3 to 8 pages, including figures, tables and references.

*Paper Formatting: double column, single spaced, #10 point Times Roman font.

*Margins: Left, Right, and Bottom: 0.75" (19mm). The top margin must be 0.75" (19 mm), except for the title page where it must be 1" (25 mm). No page numbers please. We will insert the page numbers for you.

Important dates:Deadline for submission of full papers: **10 March 2017**

Notification of acceptance: 10 April 2017

Workshop date: 5 June, 2017

INFORMS Revenue Management & Pricing Section Conference/EURO WG Pricing & Revenue Management Workshop

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 28-30 June, 2017

<http://www.informsrmp2017.com/>**INFORMS Revenue Management & Pricing Section Conference**
Amsterdam, June 29-30, 2017**EURO WG Pricing & Revenue Management Workshop**
Amsterdam, June 28, 2017

The Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI) in Amsterdam is excited to host the 17th Annual INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing (RM&P) Section Conference, on Thursday, June 29, 2017 and Friday, June 30, 2017. This event is the premier forum for both academics and practitioners who are active in research in the fields of pricing analytics and revenue management. The conference includes the announcement and the award ceremony for the winner of the Revenue Management and Pricing Section Practice Award recognizing an outstanding application of revenue management and pricing.

The conference will be preceded by the annual workshop organized by the EURO Working Group Pricing & Revenue Management, on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. This is a single-track workshop focusing on successful applications of recent scientific insights in the field.

Registration and abstract submission is now open.

Apart from technical talks, a tour through the canals of Amsterdam, and ample time to meet and catch up with your colleagues, the conference will have two special features:

Practical problems presentations

The field of revenue management has witnessed many examples of theoretical models being successfully applied in practice. Nevertheless, as a practitioner it can sometimes be difficult to connect the models and assumptions in scientific presentations to one's own concrete business problems, or to get in touch with the right person who is knowledgeable about the pricing or RM challenge one is facing. At the same time, for many researchers it is not always clear what the 'real' problems are that need to be solved in practice. To help bridging this gap between academia and industry, the conference facilitates sessions especially devoted to practical RM problems. We invite practitioners to deliver a short presentation (10 to 15 minutes) about their company's profile and a concrete pricing or RM challenge they face.

Dynamic pricing challenge

A major open problem in our field is Dynamic Pricing with Competition and Incomplete Information. Practical relevance is enormous, but the problem appears intrinsically hard. To make progress, we organize a challenge to gain insight into what types of pricing algorithms work well. We invite everyone to participate in this challenge by submitting a pricing policy. We will evaluate all policies by simulating a competitive market with unknown demand characteristics, and the winning team earns 500 euros.

We look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam this summer!

EWG VeRoLog, EURO working group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics

VeRoLog 2017

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 10-12 July, 2017

<https://verolog2017.sciencesconf.org/>

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 relationship with logistics. The conference is open to high-quality methodological contributions, relevant real-world applications, and case studies from industry and the service sector.

Abstract Submission

Submissions to VeRoLog 2017 are in the form of a short abstract (at most 250 words). Abstracts should be electronically submitted via the conference website. Accepted abstracts with a registered presenter will be included in the book of

abstracts. At most one presentation per registered participant will be accepted. For organizational reasons, the number of participants will be limited to 250. All selected abstracts will be presented in parallel sessions during the conference.

Important Dates

- * **February 28, 2017**: submission deadline
- * March 31, 2017: notification of acceptance
- * May 15, 2017: closing early bird registration
- * May 31, 2017: closing of registration
- * July 10-12, 2017: conference

Registration Fee

- * Student: 300 EUR (early) - 400 EUR (late)
- * Regular: 450 EUR (early) - 550 EUR (late)

Registration

The fee includes lunch and coffee breaks, the social program and the conference dinner.

EWG ORD, EURO working group on Operations Research for Development ICORD 2017 Québec, Canada, 13-14 July, 2017



<http://ifors.org/icord2017/>

Theme: **OR: Impacting Development**

The International Conference on OR for Development (ICORD) aims to bring together researchers from around the world to present and discuss models and methods to overcome issues existing in developing countries. It aims to improve the links among researchers with the view to improving each others effectiveness at bringing about meaningful changes towards development.

Operations Researchers who have done work in the area of OR for Development are invited to participate. Participants must submit a full paper or extended abstracts of their work which has used Operations Research to help decision-making processes in such areas, but not limited to: sustainability, healthcare, energy, mobility, education, natural resource management, public policy and infrastructure. Purely technical papers, or those that have no relevance in the developmental context, will not be accepted, and papers should clearly describe the relevance of the research to development.

The conference will be limited to a small number of participants who will each present their paper to others in their group and will benefit from a critique of their work by the other participants and invited experts. All participants will be given all the papers of accepted participants in advance, which will give them time to study the other papers in detail. Ample time will be given for a discussion of each of the papers presented. There will also be plenary session/s for invited speakers and participants will be given the opportunity to attend a workshop on techniques especially relevant to developing countries.

Submit your full papers or extended abstracts not less than 1,500 words to: icord@ifors.org

Those who have participated in previous ICORDs and who have brought their work forward are encouraged to attend to report on developments on their previously presented work. They will also be given priority for the limited slots for delegates who are not presenting papers.

Papers submitted for IFORS Prize for OR in Development are invited. Competition finalists will find it beneficial to present their work in this forum and gather feedback prior to the Triennial Conference Competition.

Deadline for paper submissions: **March 30, 2017**

Notification of Acceptance: April 15, 2017

Deadline for early registration April 20, 2017

Regular Registration Fee inclusive of materials, snacks and lunches USD 200

Early registration fee USD 150

A limited number of slots for accommodation and registration support will be available, and will depend on the quality of material submitted.

For inquiries, please contact any of the following organizing committee members:

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EWG ORAHS, EURO working group on Health Services



ORAHs 2017
Bath, UK,
30 July - 4 August, 2017



ORAHs was formed in 1975 and is essentially a network of persons involved in the application of systematic, quantitative analysis in support of planning and management in the health services sector. The group has at present 242 members from more than 30 countries, mainly in Europe but also from overseas (USA, Canada, Brazil and other countries).

The academic programme of ORAHs 2017, which will take place on the beautiful University of Bath campus will include oral presentations, poster presentations, plenary sessions and special sessions for health care professionals, consultants and policy makers. The social programme will be equally entertaining taking full advantage of the City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site as well as the surrounding area including the picturesque Cotswolds, the prehistoric monument of Stonehenge and others.

The organisers of INFORMS Healthcare 2017 and ORAHs 2017 have ensured that those who want to attend both conferences can do so with ease. The Rotterdam conference ends on Friday 28th July and the Bath conference starts two days later, on Sunday 30th July.

Abstract deadline: **28th April 2017**

EWG EWGLA, EURO working group on Locational Analysis

EWGLA XXIV

Edinburgh, UK, 23-25 May, 2018

Save the dates

The next conference has been approved for EWGLA:

EURO Working Group on Location Analysis, EWGLA XXIV. Edinburgh, United Kingdom, May 23-25 2018.



Conferences and Meetings

Italian Operational Research Society (AIRO)
International Conference on Optimization and
Decision Science - XLVII annual meeting

Sorrento, Italy, 4-7 September, 2017

<http://www.airoconference.it/ods2017/>



ODS2017, international conference on **Optimization and Decision Science, ODS2017**, is organized by **AIRO**, Italian Operations Research Society, in cooperation with DIETI (Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering) of University "Federico II" of Naples. It will be held at **Hilton Conference Center, September 4-7, 2017, Sorrento, Italy**. For further information about conference methodological and applicative topics visit

<http://www.airoconference.it/ods2017/the-conference>

Plenary Speakers

Daniel Bienstock - Columbia University, New York, USA

Matteo Fischetti - University of Padova, Padova, Italy

Patrick De Causmaecker, (EURO Plenary) - University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Participants will have two ways of submission, a short paper or an abstract:

Short paper (6 - 8 pages, including front matter and references)

Deadline **March 3rd, 2017**

They have to be prepared in LaTeX or Word using the PROMS template and submitted via Springer's Online Conference Service, OCS, (<https://ocs.springer.com/prom/>).

Abstract (min 1000 characters, space included, max 1 page including front matters and references)

Deadline **April 15th, 2017**

They should be prepared using the ODS2017 Word template available on the conference website (www.airoconference.it/ods2017).

Session proposals are welcome and have to be sent to ods2017.airo@unina.it by **February 26th**. Proposals have to report: Title of the session and first attempt title, authors, and kind (short paper or abstract) of each contribution.

Important Dates

February 1st, 2017 Early registration opens

March 3rd, 2017 Deadline for short paper submission

April 15th, 2017 Deadline for abstract submission

April 30th, 2017 Contribution (short paper or abstract) acceptance notification

May 14th, 2017 Deadline for early registration

May 31st, 2017 Due date for camera-ready paper

For any further information please contact ods2017.airo@unina.it.

German Operational Research Society (GOR) OR 2017



Berlin, Germany, 6-8 September, 2017

<http://www.or2017.de/>

Welcome to the OR2017 Conference - the annual international conference of the [German Operations Research Society \(GOR\)](#). OR2017 will take place in Berlin, Germany, Sept 6 - Sept 8, 2017 at the [Freie Universität Berlin](#).

We invite practitioners and academics from mathematics, computer science, business/economics and other fields to participate. The special focus of the conference in 2017 will be "**Decision Analytics for the Digital Economy**".

The conference will be held at Henry-Ford-Bau in beautiful and green Berlin-Dahlem in south-west of Berlin. You are invited to come to OR2017 to gain insights, share your expertise with others, recruit your next employees or find your next job, or just enjoy meeting new and old friends that work in the intriguing field of operations research, management science, data science and analytics.

If you have any further questions please contact [Natalia Kliewer](#), [Ralf Borndörfer](#), and [Jan Ehmke](#) who are chairing the program and organizing committees.

Important Dates

Call for papers opens: December 2016

Abstract submissions opens: January 2017 [Online Abstract Submission](#)

Deadline abstract submission: **April 30, 2017**

Deadline submission of paper for proceedings: June 30, 2017

UK Operational Research Society (ORS) OR59 Annual Conference



Loughborough, UK, 12-14 September, 2017

<http://www.theorsociety.com/Pages/Conferences/OR59/OR59.aspx>

The OR Society are very pleased to invite - Academics, Practitioners, Researchers, Students - with interests in any and all aspects of Operational Research to their OR59 Annual Conference, to present their work and be part of a very prestigious event. The OR59 Organising Committee, co-Chaired by Professor Jiyin Liu from the School of Business and Economics, Loughborough University and Ms Sayara Beg, Chief Data Scientist at Datanut Sciences Ltd, are busy planning a high quality scientific programme and other major events to make sure this is a great event for all. At OR59 will be Plenary speakers, Keynote speakers, around 200 paper presentations in streams ranging from Analytics to Transport, the unique Practitioner/Academic collaboration sessions, a varied social programme plus much much more.

Great opportunities also exist for Sponsors and Exhibitors. The conference is a great place to meet both academics and practitioners and the opportunity to help Operational Research analysts to solve their problems.

The OR59 Conference Committee has provided a group of Stream Clusters in Methods, Applications and Skills which will appeal to both Academics and Practitioners at our OR59 Conference.

***OR Methods:** Behavioural OR, Data Envelopment Analysis, Decision Analysis & Process, Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis, Optimisation, Simulation, Soft Systems Methodology, System Dynamics, Uncertainty & Stochastic Models

***OR Applications:** Analytics, Manufacturing, Logistics & Supply Chain, Media, Public Sector Health, Services, Sport, Strategy, Transport, Technology (Big Data)

***OR Practitioner Skills:** Business Systems Analysis, Data Ethics & Governance, Data Visualisation, OR Consultancy, Project Management

If you wish to run a stream at OR59, please contact our OR59 Programme Co-ordinators:
David Collier david@davidcollier.me.uk and Nigel Phillips nigel.phillips@lsbu.ac.uk

Operations Research Society of Israel (ORSIS)

POMS International Conference in Israel

Tel Aviv, Israel, 27-29 June, 2017



The POMS International Conference in Israel POMS (Production and Operations Management Society) in cooperation with ORSIS (Operations Research Society of Israel) invite you to attend the 2017 POMS International Conference to be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, June 27-29, 2017.

The conference will be held at the Tel Aviv Crown Plaza Beach Hotel. A reception will be held on June 27 and the academic program will be held on June 28 and 29. Optional pre/post tours will be organized for those wishing to visit some of Israel's most important ancient and modern attractions.

The following are important dates (all dates are subject to change):

March 1, 2017 - Abstract submission deadline
April 1, 2017 - Notification of conditional acceptance to authors
April 30, 2017 - Early registration deadline
June 1, 2017 - Publication of academic program
June 15, 2017 - Online registration deadline

The academic program will include tracks from all the POMS Colleges. In addition, a general track will be added to accommodate relevant papers that do not naturally fit into one of the Colleges.

Those wishing to present a talk at the conference should send an email to (POMS.Israel@gmail.com). Please include a title, abstract, name of presenting author, list of authors and a suggestion as to which track the paper should be assigned. We strongly encourage you to use the submission template that can be found on the conference website. Titles are limited to 15 words. Abstracts are limited to 50 words and should be continuous text (no bullet points and no math/Greek symbols). The submission should include information about all co-authors including full name, organization and contact email. Each conference participant can present at most one paper.

To be included in the conference, presenters must register before the early registration deadline.

For questions about the conference, please contact the conference co-chairs Yale T. Herer and Gal Raz (POMS.Israel@gmail.com).

Regarding logistics and administrative issues, contact Nilly Schnapp (Nilly.POMS.Israel@gmail.com).

4th Workshop Optimisation in Space Engineering (OSE4)

Bremen, Germany, 27-30 March, 2017

<http://www.math.uni-bremen.de/zetem/ose4>

The goal of the OSE initiative is to provide a forum for space companies, universities, research institutes and organisations to discuss recent advances in space technology and further research in the area of optimisation in space engineering.

The OSE4 includes two events:

* On Monday, March 27th, tutorials will be given for the ESA NLP solver WORHP and the optimal control library TransWORHP. This day addresses especially to PhD students and active researchers. However, anyone is invited to participate.

* From Tuesday to Thursday, March 28th to March 30th, the workshop includes presentations of the participants and round table discussions take place. On Wednesday afternoon guided tours to selected space related institutes at the Technologiepark Bremen are offered.

Important dates:

January 31st 2017: Deadline for registration with favorable early bird fee

February 28th 2017: Deadline for registration

Mathematical Optimization in the Decision Support Systems for Efficient and Robust Energy Networks

Modena, Italy, 29-31 March, 2017

<http://www.cost-td1207conference.unimore.it/>

Objective of the conference:

The COST project final conference "Mathematical Optimization for Efficient and Robust Energy Networks" is the final event that aims to:

- *Strengthen cooperation with and interaction between industry and optimization and energy research communities;
- *Advances in theory and methodology by establishing and tightening cross-border research collaborations;
- *Promotion of mathematical optimization methodology in the energy sector (gas, heat, and electricity) and algorithmic research for energy applications in the optimization community.

Abstract submission:

Abstracts must be written in English and contain no more than 1500 characters (no formulas or mathematical notations are allowed).

Important dates:

19 February 2017 - Deadline for abstract submission

24 February 2017 - Authors notification

3 March 2017 - Registration deadline

If you wish to submit an abstract, please do so by using the following link: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=td12072017>

International Workshop on Mathematical Methods in Engineering, MME-2017

Ankara, Turkey, 27-29 April, 2017

<http://mme2017.cankaya.edu.tr/>

I am pleased to extend warm greetings as you gather for the International Workshop, "Mathematical Methods in Engineering, MME-2017", to be held in Cankaya University, Ankara, Turkey on April 27 - 29, 2017.

This workshop is expected to draw more than 100 researchers from academia, industry, and engineers from more than twenty five different countries, including North and East America, India, Europe, and the Far East.

If you intend to contribute to the programme of the International Workshop on Mathematical Methods in Engineering, Ankara, Turkey, April 27-29, 2017, organized by Cankaya University, please enclose kindly an abstract of your contribution with your registration form by February 15, 2017.

Deadline for abstract submission : **February 15, 2017**

Notification of acceptance : March 15, 2017

Final manuscript and registration : April 10, 2017

Workshop : 27-29 April, 2017

Optimization Days 2017

Montréal, Canada, 8-10 May, 2017

<https://symposia.cirrelt.ca/JOPT2017/en/home>

The next Optimization Days conference will take place in Montreal from 8 to 10 May 2017.

Optimization Days is a classic meeting for the operations research community. In 2017, the conference will also host the first edition of the "**Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop**", a « speed-networking » activity for students as well as a rich proposition of thematic sessions.

We invite you to visit the conference website to get all the practical information including registration and abstract submission. Deadline for abstract submission is **March 31, 2017**.

We hope to see you in Montreal!

L.C. Coelho and N. Lahrichi

Co-chairs JOPT 2017

Workshop in Mixed Integer Programming (MIP 2017)

Québec, Canada, 19-22 June, 2017

<https://sites.google.com/site/mipworkshop2017/>

We are pleased to inform that registration for the 2017 workshop in Mixed Integer Programming (MIP 2017), to be held June 19-22 at HEC Montréal (Quebec, Canada), is now open. The 2017 Mixed Integer Programming workshop will be the fourteenth in a series of annual workshops held in North America designed to bring the integer programming community

together to discuss very recent developments in the field. The workshop consists of a single track of invited talks and features a poster session that provides an additional opportunity to share and discuss recent research in MIP.

All workshop participants are invited to submit a poster abstract before **March 1, 2017**. There will be an award for the best poster presented by a student, and thanks to our sponsors we will be able to cover part of the travel expenses for some students and postdocs. To submit an abstract, please follow the instructions at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/mipworkshop2017/posters>

We expect to send out acceptance notifications around March 15, and funding decisions will be communicated as soon as possible afterwards.

ISUT'2017 (International Workshop on Intelligent & Sustainable Urban Transportation)

Crete, Greece, 3 July, 2017

<http://isut.aegean.gr/>

(in conjunction with ISCC 2017)

In the light of the continuous growth of urban areas with respect to population and size, urban transportation systems are facing significant challenges such as traffic congestion, overcrowding, demand management and service availability. Sustainable transportation makes a positive contribution in addressing those challenges, as to its social, economic and environmental impact. It provides affordable access to all groups of citizens, promotes green vehicles, public transportation, new sharing paradigms like vehicle sharing and carpooling and encourages non-motorized modes of transport such as walking and biking. Policy makers, urban traffic planners and transportation system operators realize the need for sustainable transportation, robust transportation policies and demand management strategies. Along this line, they work towards alleviating congestion, making public transport more attractive, maintaining a high level of operational efficiency in the transportation system, responding -and, if possible, predicting and preventing- traffic incidents.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) aim at providing sophisticated management models and tools across all transport modes, traffic management, new-generation systems for infrastructure charging, and innovative real time travel information services. ITS facilitate city authorities and transportation professionals realize their visions as regards implementing and managing multimodal transportation networks and enabling citizens to be informed and make better use of these networks. It is a matter of critical importance for such systems and tools to scale so as to enable cities with different budgets to deploy them.

The ISUT workshop aims at soliciting original research related to frameworks, algorithmic solutions, applications and case studies in the scope of ITS and sustainable mobility in urban environments.

Important dates:

Paper Submission Deadline: **March 27, 2017**

Paper Acceptance Notification: April 17, 2017

Camera Ready Papers: April 24, 2017

SPUDM26 (The 26th Subjective Probability, Utility, and Decision Making Conference)

Technion, Israel, 20-24 August, 2017

<https://spudm2017.net.technion.ac.il/>

The European Association for Decision Making invites submissions for presentations, posters and/or symposia for its 2017 Biennial SPUDM 26 conference.

Presidential Address by EADM president:
Andreas Glöckner, Göttingen University, Germany

The conference focus will combine traditional topics as well as new directions in Judgment and Decision Making research. All submissions must be made electronically.

For further assistance please contact the organizing committee at Spudm26@idc.ac.il

CP2017 (23rd International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming)

Melbourne, Australia, 28 August -1 September, 2017

http://cp2017.a4cp.org/call_for_papers/

The Twenty-Third International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from August 28 to September 1, 2017.

This year, CP is co-located with SAT 2017 and ICLP 2017 and follows IJCAI 2017, also held in Melbourne.

The CP conference series concerns all aspects of computing with constraints, including: theory, algorithms, environments, languages, models, systems, and applications.

The CP 2017 programme will include presentations of high-quality scientific papers on the theory and applications of constraints technology. A number of invited talks will also be presented that will describe important topics relevant to the field.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: **April 27, 2017**

Paper Submission: April 30, 2017

Author Feedback: May 29 - June 1, 2017

Notification: June 12, 2017

Camera-ready: June 26, 2017

MOD 2017 (3rd Int. Workshop on Machine learning, Optimization & big Data)

Tuscany, Italy, 14-17 September, 2017

<http://www.taosciences.it/mod/>

The MOD 2017 workshop will consist of four days of workshop sessions and special sessions. We invite submissions of papers, abstracts and posters on all topics related to Machine learning, Optimization and Big Data including real-world applications for the workshop proceedings.

Please prepare your paper in English using the Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS) template, which is available at

<http://www.springer.com/computer/lncs?SGWID=0-164-6-793341-0>

All papers must be submitted using EasyChair:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=mod2017>

Important Dates

Paper Submission Deadline: **February 28, 2017**

Decision Notification to Authors: May 1st, 2017

Camera Ready Submission Deadline: June 1st, 2017

Deadline for early Registration as Presenting Author: June 1st, 2017

Late registration: June 2 - September 17, 2017

On-Site registration: September 14-17, 2017

MOD 2017 Workshop: September 14-17, 2017

modworkshop2017@gmail.com

Schools and Courses

Spring School "Optimization and Data Science"

Novi Sad, Serbia, 13-17 March, 2017

<http://www.optdata-springschool.com>

We would like to announce that the **COST Action TD1207 on "Mathematical Optimization in Decision Support Systems for Efficient and Robust Energy Networks"**, <http://www.energy-opt.eu/>, will be holding a

Spring School on Optimization and Data Science

The training school will highlight the strong algorithmic connections between the fields of optimization and machine learning and showcase innovative applications at their interface. The goal is to equip students both with a theoretical understanding and hands-on programming experience.

Registration is FREE and closes on Monday, **February 20th**, or when all places are filled.

A limited amount of travel support for students is available. In order to apply, please send your CV, a brief motivation letter, and a recommendation of your supervisor to optdata@optdata-springschool.com.

4th Erice Summer School on "Graph Theory, Algorithms and Applications"

Erice, Sicily, Italy, 5-13 May, 2017

<http://www.graphalgorithms.it>

APPLICATION

Advanced undergraduates, MS and PhD students, and young scientists (35 or under) interested in graph algorithms are encouraged to apply. Qualified candidates should complete their application on the School Website by **February 28, 2017**. Application material includes a short CV and optional recommendation letters. Space is limited. Acceptance notifications will be sent around March 2017.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee for the School is 900 Euros. It includes meals and accommodation for 8 days, i.e., from May 5 (evening) to May 13 (morning).

Publications

EURO Journal on Decision Processes



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Financial Decision Making

Guest Editors:

Constantin Zopounidis, Dimitrios Niklis, Michael Doumpos

Deadline for submission: **April 30, 2017**

<https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1509/financial-decision-making>

Motivation

Financial decisions are involved in a wide range of corporate activities and choices made by consumers. The context in which financial decisions are taken has changed drastically over the past decades, as several financial and technological innovations have created a lot of opportunities but also many challenges for financial managers, investors, and policy makers.

At the same time, the level of sophistication of financial decision making models has increased too, but further advances are still required to match the deep complexities of the financial world. The increasing uncertainties call for better tools to assess and manage financial risks. Advanced methodologies for descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive modeling, capable of handling the vast volume of existing data (quantitative and qualitative), are also crucial for providing operational financial decision support. Finally, innovative tools are needed to consider the multi-faced nature of financial decisions, combining not only financial information, but also other relevant aspects, including social responsibility, business ethics, and corporate governance, among others.

Such issues are relevant for all types of financial decisions in corporate finance, investments and the financial markets.

Moreover, financial decision making problems should not be considered purely within the context of financial services (banks, insurance, investment funds), but also in the framework of non-financial sectors (industry, commerce, non-financial services), where financial decisions are an integral part of strategic and operational management.

Contents

In the above context, this Feature Issue aims to cover a wide spectrum of financial decision making problems, from the perspective of operational modeling tools and methodologies in a decision-theoretic support context. Original research papers ranging from the development and evaluation of new modeling methodologies to novel empirical studies are all welcome. On the methodological side, submitted papers should focus on OR/MS approaches and relevant decision support technologies. Fields of interest include all areas outlined above.

Schedule

Prospective authors are invited to submit: (1) an (optional) extended abstract (up to two pages) describing the proposed submission, to be sent by email to the guest editors (kostas@dpem.tuc.gr, mdoumpos@dpem.tuc.gr, dniklis@isc.tuc.gr), prior to submitting the full paper, (2) a full paper to the Editorial Manager system (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/ejdp>), selecting article type **SI: Financial Decision Support**.

April 30th, 2017 extended abstracts
May 30th, 2017 submission of full papers
January - 2018 Publication of the Feature Issue

EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Models and Methods for the Supply Chain and Logistics Management

Guest Editors:
Chefi Triki and **Teodor Gabriel Crainic**

Deadline for submission: **May 15, 2017**

<https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1486/special-issues?id=16>

The function of supply chain management is to design and manage the processes, assets, and flows of material and information required to satisfy customers' demands. Globalization of economy and electronic commerce has heightened the strategic importance of supply chain management and created new opportunities for using supply chain strategy and planning as a competitive tool. E-logistics has not only created new distribution channels for consumers but also revolutionized the industrial marketplace by facilitating inter-firm communication and by creating efficient markets through trading communities. Moreover combination of enterprise information infrastructure and the Internet has paved the way for a variety of supply chain and logistics optimization technologies.

This special issue deals with the strategic, planning, and operational roles of the supply chains and logistics. It has the aim of being a valuable collection of original contributions proposing novel mathematical models and solution methods to solve challenging logistics problems. Works devoted to solve real-life logistics problems are particularly welcome.

Scholars participating in the ICAMIS-OMAN-2016 (International Conference on Applied Mechanics and Industrial Systems, Muscat-Oman, 6-8 December 2016) are invited to submit their high quality unpublished papers to this special issue. However, any other researcher interested in the topics of this issue can submit his/her paper as well.

Topics covered include:

- *Supply chain design and control
- *Transportation, vehicle routing and fleet management
- *Manufacturing & warehousing operations
- *Sustainable development
- *Decision Making in Industry and Services
- *Maritime and Port logistics
- *Modelling & simulation of logistics systems
- *Planning and scheduling
- *IT for Supply Chain Management and logistics
- *Reverse and green logistics
- *Design and management of logistic infrastructure and networks
- *Heuristic and meta-heuristic implementation in logistic-related models
- *Smart city logistics
- *Strategies and operations of logistic service providers

Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor being currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All papers are refereed through a peer review process. All papers must be submitted online.

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. The entries corresponding to the special issues start with SI.

EURO Journal on Computational Optimization



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Robust Combinatorial Optimisation

Guest Editors:
Arie Koster and **Michael Poss**

Deadline for submission: **July 15, 2017**

<https://www.euro-online.org/web/pages/1584/special-issue-robust-combinatorial-optimisation>

Robust optimization has become a central framework to handle the uncertainty that arises in the parameters of optimization problems. While classical RO results can efficiently handle linear programs for a large variety of uncertainty sets, the situation is more complex for optimization problems involving discrete decisions. Efficient exact or approximate solution algorithms for such problems must exploit the combinatorial structure of the problems at hand. The aim of the special issue is to invite high-quality manuscripts addressing robust combinatorial optimization problems and presenting convincing numerical results.

A special interest shall be devoted to papers considering extensions of well-known uncertainty sets. Possible topics include, but are not restricted to:

- *valid inequalities for robust MILPs
- *decomposition algorithms for robust MILPs
- *constraint programming approaches to robust combinatorial optimization
- *heuristic and meta-heuristic algorithms for hard robust combinatorial problems
- *ad-hoc combinatorial algorithms
- *novel applications of robust combinatorial optimization
- *multi-stage integer robust optimization
- *recoverable robust optimization
- *alternative robust combinatorial frameworks (min-max regret, light robustness, ...)

Following the journal high standards, we expect high-quality contributions that will undergo the strict reviewing process of EJCO. Submission deadline is **July 15 2017**.

Submissions must have some computational aspect (as per the journal name).

All articles will be thoroughly refereed according to the high standards of the EURO Journal on Computational Optimization.

To submit your paper to this special issue,

1. Log on the editorial manager using the Author Login via the website <https://www.editorialmanager.com/ejco/>
2. Select Submit New Manuscript in the main menu.
3. In the drop down list associated with Choose Article Type, select ("**SI: Robust Combinatorial Optimisation**").

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

European Journal of Operational Research



Special Issue: Business Analytics: Defining the field and identifying a research agenda

Guest Editors:
Giles Hindle, Martin Kunc, Michael Mortensen, Asil Oztekin, Richard Vidgen

Deadline for submission: **January 31, 2018**

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/european-journal-of-operational-research/call-for-papers/business-analytics-defining-the-field-and-identifying-a-rese>

Background

Business Analytics is an emerging phenomenon which reflects the increasing significance of data in terms of its growing volumes, variety and velocity (Department for Business Innovation and Skills 2013). There is much excitement around analytics and data science, as commercial organizations explore how they can use their large volumes of data to create value in their business, and governments and communities seek to create value of a broader nature through exploitation of their data resources (Yui, 2012). Analytic methods are being used in many and varied ways, for example to predict consumer choices, to predict the likelihood of a medical condition, to analyze social networks and social media, to better manage traffic networks.

A number of researchers have argued the growing attention and prominence afforded to analytics presents an important challenge and opportunity for the OR community (Liberatore and Luo, 2010, Ranyard et al. 2015, Mortenson et al. 2015). Many in the community have recognized this growth and sought to align themselves with analytics. For instance, the US OR society INFORMS now offers analytics related conferences, certification and a magazine. However, the volume of analytics-orientated studies in journals associated with operational research is still comparatively low (Mortenson et al. 2015).

Objective of the Special Issue:

The objective of this special issue is to publish papers that contribute to both the theory and practice of business analytics. While papers describing new techniques have been published in other journals, we would expect to see how the technique could be applied in practice with implications for creating value in organizations. Creating value through analytics may lead to, or require, organizational change for it to be effective. The relationship with data science is direct but distinct: business analytics is an organizational activity that draws on and uses the techniques of data science and operational research as appropriate.

Research into analytics should seek to both incorporate the unique aspects of the OR discipline, as well as the innovations, concerns and characteristics of the analytics movement. Specifically, this special issue aims to invite OR scholars and practitioners to look at:

- 1) Ethics and governance issues in business analytics: How should data be obtained? What are the ethical implications of using applications of business analytics to influence behaviour?
- 2) Big data and business analytics: What are the limitations and applications of optimisation and other OR techniques to large datasets? What are the challenges for applications of OR methods within distributed systems? What is the possibility that OR models could in fact be the producers of big data, e.g. large-scale simulation models? What new methods/models in response to big data e.g. sentiment mining, can be adopted by OR?
- 3) Organizational issues in business analytics adoption: What are the issues facing organizations trying to adopt business analytics? What is the role of real-time applications of OR in organizations?
- 4) Data quality and business analytics: what methods can be used for hypothesis testing and model validation in large datasets? How can unstructured data be used effectively in OR models? What is the role of multi-methodology in business analytics? What opportunities do open data present for the OR discipline?
- 5) Business analytics and decision support: How can data visualisation techniques be used across the breadth of OR? What role do problem structuring and "soft" OR techniques play in analytics and big data projects?
- 6) Other topics that have relevance for value creation and organisational implications are also welcome.

Deadlines

Submission due date: **January 31, 2018**. But we start reviewing papers as soon as you submit them.

Annals of Operations Research



Special Issue: Operations Research and Systems: XVIII Latin-Iberian-American Conference on Operations Research, CLAIO 2016

Guest Editors:

Sergio Maturana, Roger Z. Ríos-Mercado, and Jorge Vera

Deadline for submission: **March 1, 2017**

The Annals of Operations Research seeks submissions for a special issue on "Operations Research and Systems: XVIII Latin-Iberian-American Conference on Operations Research, CLAIO 2016". We invite all participants of CLAIO 2016 to submit the extended full version of their presented contributions to this special issue. Papers not presented at the conference but that contribute to a better understanding of the significant impact analytic OR models and methodologies have had in Latin-Iberoamerica are also welcome, thus this is open to the OR community worldwide.

All manuscripts must be written in English and prepared in accordance with the journal's instructions for authors available at the journal web site. Authors should submit a cover letter and a manuscript by March 1st, 2017, via the Journal's online submission site at: www.editorialmanager.com/anor/default.aspx. Within the Editorial Manager,

please choose "**S.I.: CLAIO 2016**" as the article type. Papers will be subject to a strict review process managed by the Guest Editors and accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

Contact information of coordinating guest editor: e-mail: jvera@ing.puc.cl

Annals of Operations Research



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Application of Operations Research (OR) in Disaster Relief Operations (DRO)

Guest Editors:

Rameshwar Dubey, Angappa Gunasekaran, Zongwei Lu, Thanos Papadopoulos

Deadline for submission: **April 15, 2017**

The main topics of interest are:

- *Humanitarian logistics and supply chain management
- *Facilities location problems
- *Role of Big Data in Disaster Relief Operations
- *Applications of IoT in Disaster Relief Operations
- *Crowdsourcing and its influence on Disaster Relief Operations
- *Building efficient humanitarian supply chains
- *Building responsive humanitarian supply chains
- *Agility in humanitarian supply chains
- *Adaptability in humanitarian supply chains
- *Alignment in humanitarian supply chains
- *Coordination and collaboration in humanitarian supply chains
- *Resilience in humanitarian supply chains
- *Role of humanitarian actors
- *Swift-trust
- *Military-civil interface in humanitarian operations
- *Capacity building
- *Behavioural humanitarian operations
- *Relationship management in context to humanitarian operations
- *Performance measures and metrics in humanitarian supply chains
- *Logistics in humanitarian operations
- *Information sharing and technology adoption in humanitarian operations
- *Costing in humanitarian logistics and supply chains
- *Vehicle routing problems in DRO
- *Application of evolutionary algorithms (EA)

Instructions for authors can be found

at: <http://www.springer.com/business/operations+research/journal/10479>

Authors should submit a cover letter and a manuscript by **April 15, 2017** via the Journal's online submission site. Manuscripts submitted after the deadline may not be considered for the special issue and may be transferred to a regular issue.

Please see the Author Instructions on the web site if you have not yet submitted a paper through Springer's web-based system, Editorial Manager. Be sure to note when leaving a comment that your work is intended for the special issue and to select the article type "**S.I. Application of Operations Research (OR) in Disaster Relief Operations (DRO)**".

Papers will be subject to a strict review process managed by the Guest Editors and accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

RAIRO-OPERATIONS RESEARCH

ROADEF2017 Special Issue on: Operational Research: New Trends and Modern Applications

Guest Editors:

Imed Kacem and **Christophe Rapine**

Deadline for submission: **April 30, 2017**



Scope

ROADEF2017 conference (<http://roadef2017.event.univ-lorraine.fr/>) is the 18th edition of the annual conference of the French Society of Operational Research and Decision Aid (Metz, 22-23-24 February 2017). The scientific program of this conference includes about 250 contributions and different keynote speeches provided by outstanding experts. This event has attracted participants from different countries. This special issue is devoted to ROADEF2017 but the submission is also extended to any high-quality paper non-presented at the conference.

According to the journal standards, a new review process will be organized and applied to all the papers submitted to this special issue.

The scope of this special issue is related to the Operational Research (OR) domain. Both contributions to methodologies and applications are welcome.

This special issue attempts to present some recent advances in OR and to publish original papers that contribute to the theory, the solution methods, and the related applications. The topics include but are not limited to:

- * Approximation algorithms;
- * Mathematical programming;
- * Exact methods (dynamic programming, cutting plane, branch-and-[cut/price/bound] algorithms...);
- * Cutting plane algorithms;
- * Branch-and-Cut-and-Price algorithms;
- * Heuristics and metaheuristics;
- * Graph theory and applications;
- * Scheduling, planning and lot-sizing;
- * Constrained optimization;
- * Markov chains and stochastic optimization;
- * Transportation and logistics;
- * Network design and optimization;
- * Learning, simulation and statistical approaches;
- * Non-linear and/or global optimization.

Target Dates

Submission starting date: January 30th, 2017
Submission deadline: **April 30th, 2017**
Notification of the Initial Decision: June 30th, 2017
Submission Deadline for Revised Version: October 15th, 2017
Final Decision: November 15th, 2017
Submission Deadline for Final Version: November 30th, 2017

Submission

Authors should follow the instructions available at the journal website:
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayMoreInfo?jid=ROE&type=ifc>

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Swarm and Evolutionary Computation



Special Issue: Call for Papers on Advances in Evolutionary Multi-objective Optimization

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Deadline for submission: **May 30, 2017**

AIMS AND SCOPE

Most real world problems involve the optimization of multiple possibly conflicting objectives that should be minimized or maximized simultaneously while respecting some constraints. Unlike single-objective optimization, the solution of a Multi-Objective Problem (MOP) corresponds to a set of trade-off solutions, each expressing a particular compromise between the different objectives. The image of these trade-off solutions in the objective space is called the Pareto Front (PF). The main goal of multi-objective optimization is to approximate the PF by ensuring convergence towards the front and

diversity along it. Multi-Objective Evolutionary Algorithms (MOEAs) have shown a great success in approximating the PF over more than two decades. Unlike classical solution approaches, MOEAs are characterized by their ability to provide the user with an approximation of the PF in a single run in addition to their insensitivity to the geometrical features of the objective functions and the constraint ones. However, real world applications are usually complex and need further efforts to be solved. The complexity factors may include: the high-objective space dimensionality (many-objective problems), the high decision space dimensionality (large scale problems), the presence of time-dependent objectives and/or constraints (dynamic MOPs), the expensive evaluation of the objectives and/or constraints (expensive MOPs), the presence of uncertainty (stochastic MOPs), the hierarchy between the objectives (bi-level problems), the presence of a high number of constraints (highly constrained MOPs), the need for solution robustness, the incorporation of decision maker's preferences, etc. During the last decade, many EMO (Evolutionary Multi-objective Optimization) works have been proposed to handle these complexity factors of MOPs. Even more recently, some researchers have proposed some evolutionary approaches that tackle multiple complexity factors simultaneously. The main challenge in such kind of works is how to handle the interaction between the evolutionary search process and the complexity factor(s) to come up with an interesting PF. The main goal of this special issue is to further develop the EMO research field towards solving highly complex MOPs using evolutionary computation and computational intelligence techniques.

THEMES

In this special issue, we invite researchers to submit papers that address the issue of multi-objective optimization with one or several complexity factors using evolutionary computation and computational intelligence approaches. The submitted papers should address at least one complexity factor among the following ones (but are not limited to):

- * High number of objectives and/or constraints,
- * High number of decision variables,
- * Time-dependent objectives and/or constraints,
- * Computationally expensive objectives and/or constraints,
- * The presence of uncertainty,
- * The presence of hierarchy between the objectives,
- * The need for robustness,
- * The need for innovation,
- * The need for decision maker's preferences incorporation.

SUBMISSION

The manuscripts should be prepared according to the "Guide for Authors" section of the journal found at: <https://www.elsevier.com/journals/swarm-and-evolutionary-computation/2210-6502/guide-for-authors/> and submission should be done through the journal submission website: <https://www.evise.com/profile/#/SWEVO/login/> by clearly noting "Advances in Evolutionary Multi-objective Optimization Special Issue Paper" as comments to the Editor-in-Chief. Each submitted paper will be reviewed by at least three expert reviewers. Submission of a paper will be held to imply that it contains original unpublished work and is not being submitted for publication elsewhere.

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper submission: **May 30, 2017** (AOE).
First round decision: July 30, 2017.
Major revision due: August 30, 2017 (AOE).
Final decision: September 30, 2017.
Final manuscript due: October 15, 2017.

Competitions, Prizes and Awards



VeRoLog solver challenge
2016-2017



<https://verolog.ortec.com/>

This challenge started officially during the VeRoLog meeting in Nantes (June 2016) and ends at the VeRoLog meeting of 2017. The challenge is proposed, sponsored and run by ORTEC.

The problem being addressed combines aspects from scheduling, routing and inventory and arises from practice. In the format used for the challenge the instances are simplified for the sake of clearness but they preserve the essence of the difficulties. This problem, defined over a period of several days, differs from inventory routing in being completely deterministic and in that the inventory concerns reusable equipment.

There is a Routing challenge faced by a herd (cattle) improvement company.

Task: regularly measure the quality of milk samples at customers (farmers)

- *Multi-day planning
- *The farmer can request tools for a number of days
- *Time windows on the delivery day of tools

More information is also available at:

https://verolog.ortec.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/VeRoLogSolverChallenge_2016-2017.pdf

The Challenge will run till **June 1, 2017**

9th annual AIMMS/MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition

<http://coral.ie.lehigh.edu/~mopta/competition#>

We're thrilled to announce the 9th annual AIMMS/MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition! The competition is jointly organized by the conference organizers of MOPTA and AIMMS. Finalists are expected to attend and present their results at the 2017 MOPTA Conference to be held August 16-18, 2017 at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA.

This year's challenge

In this competition, we are interested in a simplified model of production and delivery of radio-pharmaceuticals (RP). The goal is to minimize the production and distribution cost of RP. You can read the full problem description here. Your team must register as soon as you start working on the problem. Solutions are due by **June 15, 2017** 23:59 EDT.

Teams of at most three students can participate. The team leader must be a graduate student, though the other members of the team can be advanced undergraduate students. Each member of the team must be registered as a full-time student at a recognized educational institution during the Spring term of the 2016-2017 academic year. Students with any background are eligible.

As the conference is international, so is the competition. Teams from all over the world can participate, as long as at least one team member can come to the conference, should the team make it to the final round. The official language of the competition is English. You can read more about eligibility and terms on the MOPTA website.

Prizes

Each finalist team will receive free registration for the conference for up to two team members. In addition, a cash prize will be awarded to the team that wins the overall competition.

For questions about the competition, contact Martin Takac (takac@lehigh.edu). For questions about the AIMMS software, contact support@aimms.com.

Upcoming Conferences

Event Date	Event	Location	Submission Deadline
14th-23rd February 2017	2017 EURO Winter Institute on "Methods and Models in Transportation Problems". (2017 WI- EWGT)	Bressanone, Italy	15th October 2016
16th-17th February 2017	1st AIROYoung workshop	Rome, Italy	15th January 2017
22nd-24th February 2017	ROADEF 2017	Metz, France	28th November 2016
24th February- 7th March 2017	ELAVIO 2017	Buenos Aires and Miramar, Argentina	10th November 2016
26th-28th February 2017	8th International Network Optimization Conference (INOC2017)	Lisbon, Portugal	27th January 2017
11th-12th March 2017	9th International Finance Conference, IFC 9	Paris, France	30th December 2016
13th-17th March 2017	Spring School "Optimization and Data Science"	Novi Sad, Serbia	20th February 2017
19th-22nd March 2017	EMO 2017 (9th International Conference on Evolutionary Multi- Criterion Optimization)	Münster, Germany	17th October 2016
20th-22nd March 2017	Workshop Women in Optimization	Trier, Germany	1st March 2017
25th-27th March	2017 International Conference on Intelligent Systems.	Hong Kong	30th December

2017	Metaheuristics & Swarm Intelligence (ISMSI 2017)		2016
27th-30th March 2017	OSE4 - (4th Workshop Optimisation in Space Engineering)	Bremen, Germany	28th February 2017
29th-31st March 2017	Mathematical Optimization in the Decision Support Systems for Efficient and Robust Energy Networks	Modena, Italy	19th February 2017
2nd-4th April 2017	7th International Workshop on Multiple Criteria Decision Making' 17	Ustroń, Poland	15th January 2017
2nd-4th April 2017	Analytics 2017. INFORMS 2017 Business Analytics Conference	Las Vegas, USA	15th January 2017
3rd-4th April 2017	EU/ME 2017 - 18th Free workshop on metaheuristics for a better world.	Rome, Italy	15th March 2017
4th-6th April 2017	UK OR Society Young to OR 20 Conference	London, UK	10th February 2017
5th-7th April 2017	7th ICROR RailLille 2017	Lille, France	1st August 2016
11th-13th April 2017	7th International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management	Rabat, Morocco	15th November 2016
20th-21st April 2017	IMA and OR Society Conference on Mathematics of Operational Research	Birmingham, UK	30th December 2016
25th-26th April 2017	2nd International Workshop on flexibility in sustainable construction	Poznan, Poland	21st February 2017
3rd-5th May 2017	14th ESICUP Meeting	Liège, Belgium	17th February 2017
3rd-6th May 2017	Joint EURO/ORSC/ECCO International Conference 2017 on Combinatorial Optimization (ECCO XXX)	Koper, Slovenia	1st March 2017
5th-13th May 2017	4th Erice Summer School on Graph Theory, Algorithms and Applications	Sicily, Italy	28th February 2017
8th-10th May 2017	Optimization Days 2017	Montréal, Canada	31st March 2017
11th-12th May 2017	2nd International Conference on Sport Economics & Sport Management (SESM)	Berlin, Germany	31st December 2016
21st-22nd May 2017	The Annual Meeting of ORSIS - the Operations Research Society of Israel	Bar-Ilan, Israel	20th March 2017
22nd-26th May 2017	Recent Advances in Algorithms School	St. Petersburg, Russia	
22nd-27th May 2017	Constructive Nonsmooth Analysis and Related Topics	St. Petersburg, Russia	15th February 2017
24th May 2017	16th Lithuanian-German-Polish colloquium and 6th meeting of EURO working group Operational Research in Sustainable Development and Civil Engineering	Poznan, Poland	14th February 2016
26th-28th May 2017	10th International Conference on Algorithms and Complexity (CIAC)	Athens, Greece	11th November 2016

29th-31st May 2017	ICDSST 2017 EWG-DSS 2017 International Conference on Decision Support System Technology	Namur, Belgium	1st March 2016
30th May-1st June 2017	CMS2017 Computational Management Science	Bergamo, Italy	15th March 2017
5th June 2017	Workshop on Data Science meets Optimisation	San Sebastián, Spain & Padova, Italy	10th March 2017
5th-8th June 2017	CPAIOR 2017 (14th International Conference on Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Operations Research Techniques in Constraint Programming)	Padova, Italy	16th November 2016
6th-8th June 2017	CTW 2017 (15th Cologne-Twente Workshop on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization)	Cologne, Germany	17th February 2017
12th-15th June 2017	EWEPA (15th European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis)	London, UK	15th February 2017
12th-16th June 2017	SUMMER SCHOOL ATOM 2017 on Application and Theory in MultiObjective Optimization	Lille / Villeneuve d'Ascq, France	30th April 2017
12th-16th June 2017	MAPSP 2017 (13th Workshop on Models and Algorithms for Planning and Scheduling Problems)	Seeon-Seebrück, Germany	1st February 2017
18th-23rd June 2017	ICAPS 2017 (27th International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling)	Pittsburgh, USA	18th November 2016
19th-21st June 2017	LION11, the 11th Learning and Intelligent Optimization Conference	Nizhny Novgorod, Russia	25th December 2016
19th-22nd June 2017	Workshop in Mixed Integer Programming (MIP 2017)	Québec, Canada	1st March 2017
26th-28th June 2017	IPCO XIX	Ontario, Canada	20th November 2016
26th-28th June 2017	MathSport International 2017 (6th International Conference on Mathematics in Sport)	Padua, Italy	13th February 2016
26th-29th June 2017	15th International Conference on Data Envelopment Analysis. DEA2017	Prague, Czech Republic	15th February 2017
27th-29th June 2017	POMS international conference in Israel	Tel-Aviv, Israel	1st March 2017
28th-30th June 2017	The XVIII Congress of the Portuguese Association of Operational Research (IO 2017)	Valença, Portugal	9th April 2017
28th June 2017	EURO WG Pricing & Revenue Management Workshop	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	1st April 2017
29th-30th June 2017	INFORMS Revenue Management & Pricing Section Conference	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	1st April 2017
29th-30th June 2017	EURO HOpe Mini-Conference	Vienna, Austria	28th March 2017
2nd-8th July 2017	Summer School on Optimization, Big data and Applications (OBA)	Veroli, Italy	

3rd July 2017	ISUT'2017 International Workshop on Intelligent & Sustainable Urban Transportation	Crete, Greece	27th March 2017
3rd-5th July 2017	The State of the Art in the Use of Expert Judgement in Risk and Decision Analyses	Delft, The Netherlands	
3rd-6th July 2017	CMBIA 2017 (Computational Methods for Business Analytics)	Trieste, Italy	15th March 2017
4th-7th July 2017	Metaheuristics International Conference (MIC 2017)	Barcelona, Spain	31st January 2017
7th-10th July 2017	Data Envelopment Analysis International Conference	Hefei, China	31st March 2017
9th-14th July 2017	ISOLDE (International Symposium on Locational Decisions) XIV	Toronto, Canada	15th February 2017
10th-12th July 2017	VeRoLog 2017	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	28th February 2017
10th-12th July 2017	INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference 2017 (APS)	Evanston, USA	27th March 2017
10th-14th July 2017	MCDM 2017 (24th International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making)	Ottawa, Canada	15th February 2017
12th-14th July 2017	EUROPT 2017	Montréal, Canada	15th March 2017
13th-14th July 2017	ICORD 2017	Québec, Canada	30th March 2017
17th-21st July 2017	IFORS 2017	Québec, Canada	17th February 2017
17th-21st July 2017	28th International Workshop on Combinatorial Algorithms (IWOCA 2017)	Newcastle, Australia	15th March 2017
21st-25th July 2017	Healthcare Operations Research Summer School in Twente	Enschede, The Netherlands	31st March 2017
26th-28th July 2017	INFORMS Healthcare Conference	Rotterdam, The Netherlands	3rd March 2017
26th-29th July 2017	INFORMS Transportation and Logistics Society. First Triennial Conference	Chicago, USA	5th January 2017
30th July - 4th August 2017	ORAHs 2017	Bath, UK	28th April 2017
14th-16th August 2017	MOPTA 2017	Bethlehem, PA, USA	20th May 2017
14th-18th August 2017	Group Decision and Negotiation International Conference (GDN 2017)	Stuttgart, Germany	31st January 2017
20th-24th August 2017	SPUDM26 (The 26th Subjective Probability, Utility, and Decision Making Conference)	Technion, Israel	15th March 2017
23rd-26th August 2017	7th International Conference on Logistics and Maritime Systems	Bergen, Norway	28th February 2017

28th August-1st September 2017	Eurocomb 2017 (European Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory and Applications)	Vienna, Austria	15th March 2017
29th August-1st September 2017	CP 2017 (International Conference on Principles and Practice of Constraint Programming)	Melbourne, Australia	27th April 2017
4th-6th September 2017	20th EURO Working Group on Transportation Meeting (EWGT)	Budapest, Hungary	15th December 2016
4th-7th September 2017	ODS2017 - International Conference on Optimization and Decision Science, XLVII annual meeting organized by Italian OR Society (AIRO)	Sorrento, Italy	3rd March 2017
4th-7th September 2017	10th International Workshop on Computational Optimization (WCO17)	Prague, Czech Republic	10th May 2017
6th-8th September 2017	IV Workshop on Optimization Under Uncertainty in Sustainable Agriculture and Agrifood Industry	Lleida, Spain	7th August 2017
6th-8th September 2017	OR 2017 International Annual Meeting of the German OR Society (GOR)	Berlin, Germany	30th April 2017
6th-8th September 2017	Optimization 2017	Lisbon, Portugal	15th May 2017
11th-15th September 2017	Lagos 2017 (IX Latin and American Algorithms, Graphs and Optimization Symposium)	Marseille, France	10th March 2017
12th-14th September 2017	UK OR Society OR59 Annual Conference	Loughborough UK	
14th-17th September 2017	3rd Int. Workshop on Machine learning, Optimization & big Data - MOD 2017	Tuscany, Italy	28th February 2017
20th-22nd September 2017	European Conference on Stochastic Optimization	Rome, Italy	30th April 2017
27th-29th September 2017	SOR '17 The 14th International Symposium on Operations Research in Slovenia	Bled, Slovenia	7th June 2017
25th-27th October 2017	ADT 2017 -- 5th International Conference on Algorithmic Decision Theory	Luxembourg	2nd April 2017

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