We welcome submissions to the following journals published by EURO.


**EURO Journal on Computational Optimization (EJCO)**, published by Springer. It was officially launched in 2011. Its Editor in Chief is Martine Labbé.

**EURO Journal on Decision Processes (EDDP)**, published by Springer. It was officially launched in 2011. Its Editor in Chief is Vincent Mousseau.

**EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics (EJTL)**, published by Springer. It was officially launched in 2011. Its Editor in Chief is Michel Bierlaire.

We now have 9 tutorials published in the series of EURO Advanced Tutorials. Please take a look at our titles:

*Nonlinear Programming Techniques for Equilibria*
*Analytical Techniques in the Assessment of Credit Risk*
*Trafﬁc Flow Modelling*
*Supply Chain Finance*
*Metaheuristics for Business Analytics*
*Compact Extended Linear Programming Models*
*Multiobjective Linear and Integer Programming*
*Dual-Feasible Functions for Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization*
*Linear and Mixed Integer Programming for Portfolio Optimization*

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Please contact the editors for more information or to submit ideas for topics.

It is important to include reminders about particular EURO events and publications as the deadlines approach but these will now be shaded slightly so that regular readers can more easily see the new items.

**Special Announcements**

**EURO 2019 30th European Conference on Operational Research**

*Dublin, Ireland, 23-26*
SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

We have the great pleasure of inviting you to take part in the 30th EURO Conference to be held in Dublin, Ireland on 23-26 June, 2019.

The Program and Organization Committees, chaired by Luis Gouveia and Seán McGarraghy, along with Cathal MacSwiney Brugha, are preparing a high quality scientific program and an exciting social program for the Conference.

We are convinced that the EURO 30th Conference will be an excellent opportunity for the OR community to get together again in a pleasant atmosphere, and, thus, we are looking forward to meeting you in Dublin, in 2019!

PLENARY, KEYNOTE & TUTORIAL SPEAKERS:
Several outstanding Plenaries & Tutorial Speakers have been selected and will present the state-of-the-art in Operational Research, outlining pathways of its future developments.

PLENARY Speakers:
Ulrike Reisach (Neu-Ulm University of Applied Sciences, Germany): “Artificial Intelligence and Ethics - an International Comparison of Perceptions and Policies”;
William Cook (John Hopkins University, USA; and University of Waterloo, Canada): “The Traveling Salesman Problem”;
Dick den Hertog (Tilburg University, The Netherlands): “What every OR practitioner should know about Robust Optimization”.

TUTORIAL Speakers:

Please follow up for further information at https://www.euro2019dublin.com/key-note-speakers.

CALL FOR PAPERS AND SESSIONS:
Researchers, academics, practitioners, and students interested in any branch of Operational Research, mathematical modelling or economic analysis are invited to submit abstracts or organize sessions.

Invited and contributed papers will be organized in parallel sessions. Sessions will be a part of Streams, and streams are grouped into different Areas. The list of Areas can be found at https://www.euro2019dublin.com/abstract-submission, where also access is provided to the list of streams.
Researchers who wish to organize a stream or an invited session or contribute with a paper within an invited session should contact a PC member of the corresponding area.

Abstract submission system is available online, via the Conference website (http://www.euro-online.org/conf/euro30/).
No participant can present more than one paper at the Conference.

Abstracts: max. 1500 characters; submission deadline: February 8, 2019.

IMPORTANT DATES:
Abstracts:
Abstract submission deadline: Friday, February 8, 2019.
Registration:
Registration: open,
Early registration deadline: Friday, March 8, 2019,
Author registration deadline: Friday, March 22, 2019.

REGISTRATION FEES:
Regular: €375.00 (early); €500.00 (late),
Student/Retired: €180.00 (early); €240.00 (late), Accompanying persons: €90.00.
Early registration ends 8 March 2019.

The regular/student registration fee includes:
Admission to all sessions and the exhibition;
Conference materials (printed conference handbook with short programme; online access to a complete programme with abstracts; sponsor & exhibitor materials);
Tea, coffee and lunches throughout the conference (for each day, you will receive a lunch coupon);
Admission to the Welcome Reception on 23rd June 2019 at University College Dublin;
Transfer ticket.

The registration fee for an accompanying person covers the same except the admission to sessions and conference materials.
Please note that the Conference Gala Dinner on Tuesday is not included in the registration fee.

CALL FOR EXHIBITORS:
Parties interested in having a booth or exhibition area during the Conference are kindly requested to contact the EURO 2019 Conference Secretariat (Sponsorship & Exhibition Manager Emma Power: 2019EuroK@abbey.ie). Please contact Emma for a copy of the Sponsorship and Exhibition brochure.

FURTHER INFORMATION:
For detailed information about Dublin, please visit the Conference webpage www.euro2019dublin.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to our very exciting conference in Dublin!
Luis Gouveia, Seán McGarraghy and Cathal MacSwiney Brugha

For any further information:
EURO 2019 CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT:
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☐ Email: 2019EuroK@abbey.ie
☐ From Monday to Friday 9:00-17:30 (GMT)
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Call for Applications for the EURO Doctoral Dissertation Award 2019

1. The EDDA 2019 jury will only consider dissertations in Operational Research defended between 1 February 2018 and 31 January 2019. 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.

2. 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. An itemization of the candidate’s contribution to each co-authored article if the dissertation contains co-authored articles (i.e., published papers or unpublished manuscripts);
   4. If the dissertation is not in English, a paper in English which has been authored or co-authored by the candidate describes the core ideas of the dissertation. 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 dissertation 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. Please also check the guidelines.
Since many doctoral dissertations in OR are defended each year only outstanding pieces of work are expected to be submitted. The jury would like to remind supervisors that only high-quality theses might have a chance of winning the award.

3. The jury selects a short-list of finalists who will present their work in a special session at the 30th European Conference on Operational Research in Dublin. There is no registration fee for each finalist. EURO will also contribute to the travel and accommodation expenses. 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 2019 Conference.


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**Call for Applications for the EURO Excellence in Practice Award 2019**

1. All interested authors are invited to submit a detailed description of an application of OR with a real impact on practice, which has original features, whether in methodology, field of application and/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 that 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 OR specialists from any part of the world. Please also check the guidelines.

2. The criteria for the evaluation of the papers are:
   - real impact on practice,
   - scientific quality,
   - relevance to Operational Research,
   - appreciation by the organisation involved with the application,
   - originality in methodology, implementations and/or field of application.

   Letters of appreciation are important.

3. The jury selects a short-list of finalists who will present their work in a special session at the 30th European Conference on Operational Research in Dublin. 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 2019 Conference.


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**Conferences and Meetings**

**EWG POR, EURO working group on Practice of OR**

**Operations Research Meets Machine Learning**

**Bologna, Italy, 11-12 March, 2019**

The 2nd edition of the conference of the EURO Working Group on the Practice of Operations Research will take place on 11th and 12th March 2019 in the Opificio Colinelli, a prestigious venue devoted to initiatives of education, training, research, innovation, enterprise and culture located in the beautiful city of Bologna (Italy).

The conference is going to focus on the interaction between Operations Research and Machine Learning in industrial applications.

The event will mix contributions from participants on innovative examples of projects where OR and ML were integrated in PRACTICAL ways working with public or private sector organisations (or as consultants providing services to such organisations), poster sessions, parallel sessions on hot sub-topics and the keynote speeches by:
Mauricio G. C. Resende, Principal Research scientist at Amazon – Seattle (USA);
*Raffaele Maccioni, CEO of Actor, finalist at the last F. Edelman Award (OPTICAR) – Rome (IT).

We welcome contributions to foster discussion on this very topical issue, to be sent to ewg-por-bologna@optit.net.

The extended deadline is 25th of January 2019.

The registration is free thanks to the generous support of various sponsors.

**AIRO Young Researchers Chapter - part of the Italian Operational Research Society (AIRO)**

*3rd AIROYoung Workshop + PhD School*

Rome, Italy, 26-29 March, 2019

[Website](#)

The AIROYoung Workshop, now at its third edition, has become an annual international occasion for PhD students and Young Researchers to meet, exchange knowledge and present novel research contributions in the field of Operational Research and Decision and Data Science.

For the next event an additional three-days PhD School has been organized, with theoretical classes and lab sessions on cutting-edge topics in Optimization and Simulation.

With this preliminary announcement we invite all AIROYoung members, PhD students in Operations Research and related topics, early-stage Researchers (PhD degree <= 5 years) or anyone with a strong interest in OR (<=35 years old) "to save the date for this exciting initiative!"

**EURO working group on Stochastic Optimization**


Chemnitz, Germany, 27-29 March, 2019

[Website](#)

The focus is on computational management science with an emphasis on risk management, valuation problems and measurement applications. This includes optimal risk control problems, stochastic optimization, robust and distributionally robust optimization methods as in the tradition of CMS conferences. Increasingly over the years the conference attracted scholars from different scientific communities and Euro working groups, ranging from the optimization to the statistical, econometrical and applied maths communities and touching on several application domains, including finance, energy, supply chain management and logistic problems.

The conferences aim to present state of the art research and modern applications in all fields with decisions under uncertainty. The conferences bring together researchers working on stochastic optimization, decisions under uncertainty and practitioners in industrial sectors to share theoretical results and practical advances.

*December 31st, 2018: early registration
*January 31st, 2019: submission of abstracts
*February 28th, 2019: registration

**EWG ESICUP, EURO working group on Cutting and Packing**
16th meeting of the European working group in cutting and packing (ESICUP)

Mexico City, Mexico, 8-12 April, 2019

Note that this year's workshop will include tutorials by international cutting and packing experts, see
https://www.euro-online.org/websites/esicup/events/category/conferences/1538929282867-f2f7d3b0-9fec

To be considered for presenting at the 16th ESICUP Meeting, submit an abstract (3000 characters maximum, approximately 1 page) summarising the research, including details of the problem tackled, the methodology used and the main conclusions drawn. You may submit by sending an email to esicup@gmail.com, that includes: Title, Authors, Affiliation, Abstract and Keywords.

Important Dates
Abstract Submission deadline: 1st February 2019
Notification of Acceptance: 11th February 2019

EURO Working Group on Retail Operations

EWG Retail Operations

Mallorca, Spain, 9-11 April, 2019

We are happy to invite you to the next EWG Retail Operations. It will be at Mallorca (Spain), Colonia St Jordi, April 9th -11th, 2019 and organized by IESE and Victor Martínez de Albéniz.

We are particularly interested in contributions for regular and poster presentations concerned with OR applications in Retail Operations. The program committee will need to make a selection due to limited time slots.

Furthermore, we would like to focus on strengthening the interaction among the participants, discussing potential research topics and creating joint research projects. We will therefore have working sessions to define future areas of research. Topics of these interactive sessions are omni-channel retailing, waste management in retailing, retail analytics and future of stores. Contributions related to these topics are highly welcome, but are not limited to these.

Deadline for submissions and early registration will be February 15th, 2019.

EWG MCDA, EURO Working Group on Multicriteria Decision Aiding

89th Meeting of the EURO Working Group on MCDA (MCDA 89)

Trento, Italy, 11-13 April, 2019

University of Trento invites you to the 89th meeting of the EURO Working Group on Multiple Criteria Decision Aiding that will be held from Thursday 11th April to Saturday 13th April 2019. The main theme of this meeting will be "Pairwise comparisons (pros and cons)". All contributions dealing with multiple criteria decision aiding, and in particular those related to the theme of the meeting, are welcome.
Important dates:
* Abstract submission: February 15, 2019
* Notification of acceptance to Authors: March 10, 2019
* Registration to the meeting: March 20, 2019

EWG ORSDCE, EURO working group on Sustainable Development and Civil Engineering

17th Colloquium & 7th meeting of ORSDCE
Vilnius, Lithuania, 15 May, 2019

Modern Building Materials, Structures and Techniques (MBMST)
Vilnius, Lithuania, 16-17 May, 2019

Important dates:
1 February 2019 – deadline for paper submission
1 March 2019 – deadline for final paper submission (corrected according to reviewers comments)

EURO Mini International Conference on Decision Support System Technology - EmC-ICDSST 2019
Madeira Island, Portugal, 27-29 May, 2019

Main Theme: “Decision Support Systems: Main Developments & Future Trends” A look backwards over the last 30 years to evaluate how well we stand on the research areas of Decision Making and in which direction we should best proceed.

In order to enforce the 30 Years Celebration of the EWG-DSS, all founding members of the EURO Working Group of Decision Support Systems and senior Collaborators from other DSS Communities, who have consistently contributed to the research in the DSS area in last years, are highly encouraged and invited to submit their contributions and participate in the conference.

Short Papers:
Short papers should have up to 6 pages and should use the Short-Paper EmC-ICDSST 2019 Template (Linked here: EmC-ICDSST-2019-short-paper-template)

Posters:
Posters should use the Poster EmC-ICDSST 2019 Template, which is set up to yield a 70 cm x 100 cm vertical poster. (Template linked here: EmC-ICDSST2019-Poster-Template). Printing of Posters for exhibition in the Conference Hall, will be at the responsibility of their own authors.

Accepted submissions will either be published in the Springer LNBIP Book (long papers) or in the EmC-ICDSST 2019 Online Conference Proceedings (short papers and posters).

Submissions:
All papers and posters should be submitted to the EmC-ICDSST 2019 via the following EasyChair account: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=icdsst2019.

Important Dates
Submission of short papers: 1 March 2019
Notification of acceptance: 10 April 2019
Camera ready version: 20 April 2019

Submission of posters: 15 March 2019
Notification of acceptance: 10 April 2019
Camera ready version: 20 April 2019
EWG VeRoLog, EURO working group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics

The seventh annual workshop of the EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization – (VeRoLog)

Seville, Spain, 3-5 June, 2019

Website

The VeRoLog conference is an established annual meeting of the EURO Working Group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics (VeRoLog) Optimization, which brings together the large community of researchers and practitioners interested in vehicle routing optimization and its relationship with logistics. This conference is open to high-quality methodological contributions, relevant real-world applications and case studies from industry and the service sector.

Submissions to VeRoLog 2019 are in the form of a short abstract, that should be electronically submitted via the conference website (to be announced soon). Accepted abstracts, with a registered presenter, will be included in the book of abstracts. At most one presentation per registered participant will be accepted.

Important Dates
* January 31, 2019: Abstract submission deadline
* February 28, 2019: Notification of acceptance
* April 10, 2019: Deadline for early registration
* April 30, 2019: Closing of registration

EWG EWGLA, EURO working group on Locational Analysis

EWGLA XXV

Brussels, Belgium, 5-7 June, 2019

Website

The meeting intends to gather the operational research community from different parts of the world to share experiences in the field of locational analysis. We invite participation from all areas related to location theory.

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: January 25th 2019
Notification of acceptance: March 1st 2019
Early registration: April 15th 2019
Registration deadline: May 15th 2019

SCL 2019 Workshop

Bilkent, Turkey, 11 June, 2019

Website

We invite researchers and practitioners working in the areas of supply chain management and logistics to the 13th Annual Workshop on Supply Chain and Logistics, which will be held at Bilkent University on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.
This one-day workshop brings together researchers and practitioners interested in supply chain management and logistics. Those interested in presenting at the workshop should submit either a close-to-finished manuscript or a recently accepted/published paper to one of the organizers by February 1, 2019. These manuscripts will be reviewed and a selected set of papers will be presented and discussed at the workshop. Since it is a one-day event, the number of talks we can schedule will be limited.

There will be no registration fee for the workshop. However, as the capacity of the facility is limited, we encourage early registration through Eventbrite.

Joint GDN-EWG/BOR meeting

19th International Conference on Group Decision and Negotiation

Loughborough, UK, 11-15 June, 2019

This conference provides a forum for those working in the field, bringing together researchers from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the Oceania.

GDN series of conferences have provided a stimulating environment for the dissemination of state-of-the-art knowledge in the field of group decision and negotiation, allowing for intense discussions among participants and the exchange of ideas and critical comments for further improvement.

This joint meeting of the INFORMS/GDN Section and the EURO Working Group Behavioral OR will bring together two connected, but still distinct communities.

Important Dates
Deadline for Submission for Local Conference Proceedings (Abstracts, Extended Abstract and Full Papers): February 1, 2019
Deadline for Submission to the Doctoral Consortium: March 15, 2019

EWG ENOG, EURO working group on Network Optimization

INOC 2019 International Network Optimization Conference

Avignon, France, 12-14 June, 2019

Submission: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf= inoc2019

The aim of this conference is to provide researchers from different areas of Operations Research with the opportunity to present and discuss their results and research in the field of Network Optimization, in an inspiring and bridge building environment where fruitful ideas may flow freely.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Michel Goemans, MIT (USA)
Pascal Van Hentenryck, University of Michigan (USA)
Hande Yaman, Bilkent University (Turkey)

IMPORTANT DATES
Full Paper submission deadline: February 15, 2019
Notification: April 1, 2019
Extended Abstract submission: May 1 2019
Camera-ready paper submission: May 1 2019

INQUIRIES Email: inoc2019@sciencesconf.or
EWG ORD, EURO working group on Operations Research for Development

EwgOrd workshop

Dublin, Ireland, 19-20 June, 2019

SAVE THE DATE

More info can be obtained from info@ewgord.org

EWG EUROPT, EURO working group on Continuous Optimization

EUROPT 2019 - 17th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization

Glasgow, UK, 28-29 June, 2019

Website

This workshop is the annual event of the EUROPT continuous optimization working group of EURO (The Association of European Operational Research Societies). This 17th edition will take place in Glasgow just after the 30th European Conference on Operational Research, that will be held in Dublin.

Important Dates
* Early bird registration: 15th April 2019
* Abstract submission: 4th March 2019
* Author registration: 20th May 2019

For more information, please contact us at europt2019@icelab.uk, visit the workshop webpage and follow us on Twitter through #EUROPT2019 from @icelab_uk.

Becoming member of EUROPT is easy and free of charge. Join us!

EURO working group on OR in Sports

Mathsport International Athens

Greece, 1-3 July, 2019

Website

MathSport International organizes biennial conferences dedicated to all topics where mathematics and sport meet.

Mathsport International 2019 is hosted by Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece) and organized by the Department of Statistics from Monday 1st of July to Wednesday 3rd of July 2019. It will be the 7th conference in Europe that brings together Maths and Sport. A social event is planned for the evening of Sunday 30th of June.

Note that this date allows you to attend the 30th EURO conference (23-26 June, Dublin) as well, where the OR in Sports group will once again be organizing a stream on sports. More details of other events can be found on the event list maintained by the EURO working group “OR in Sports”: https://orinsports.com/index.php/events/

Important dates
1 February 2019 Abstract submission deadline
24 February 2019 Notification of acceptance
17th Cologne-Twente Workshop on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization

Enschede, Netherlands, 1-3 July, 2019

Website

The Cologne-Twente Workshop on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization 2019 welcomes contributions on theory and applications of discrete algorithms, graphs and combinatorial structures in the wide sense.

Submit extended abstracts of no more than 4 pages using the EasyChair link https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=ctw2019 no later than March 1, 2019, using the template available on the website of the workshop. The scientific committee will select the presentations for the workshop on the basis of the extended abstracts received and on the available number of slots.

Russian Society of Operations Research (RuORS)


Ekaterinburg, Russia, 8-12 July, 2019

Website

The conference brings together a wide research community in the fields of mathematical programming and global optimization, discrete optimization, complexity theory and combinatorial algorithms, optimal control and games, and their applications in relevant practical problems of operations research, mathematical economy, and data analysis.

Important dates
Abstract submission due: February 1, 2019
Full paper submission due: February 15, 2019
Notification of acceptance: March 15, 2019

MIP Workshop

Cambridge, Massachusetts, 15-18 July, 2019

Website

MIP is a single-track workshop highlighting the latest trends in integer programming and discrete optimization, with invited speakers covering topics of interest to the community, including theory, computational issues and applications. As in years past, the workshop has free registration and will include a student poster competition.

The student poster session will take place during the reception on the first evening of the workshop. We invite students to submit an abstract of their poster to mip2019poster@gmail.com. The abstract format is: a PDF file, one letter-size page maximum, one-inch margins, 11-point font, single-space. Only students may submit poster abstracts. The program committee will select poster competition finalists, who as in years past will also be eligible for travel support funds (estimated at $500 per student). Submitting students not selected as competition finalists may still present their poster (space permitting), but only finalists are eligible for the competition and for travel support.

The deadline for poster submissions is March 22, and the committee will communicate decisions to submitting students by April 8.
Researchers, academics, professional experts and other stakeholders are welcome to submit their original research papers to the First International Twin Theme Conference which aims to face the new challenges of the financial world.

**Important dates**
* Final Abstract Submission deadline: **April 1, 2019**
* Abstract Acceptance notification: April 15, 2019
* Early bird registration deadline: April 30, 2019
* Registration Final Deadline: May 31, 2019

**ICCOPT 2019, the Sixth International Conference on Continuous Optimization**

**Berlin, Germany, 3-8 August, 2019**

ICCOPT 2019 is hosted by the Weierstrass Institute for Applied Analysis and Stochastics (WIAS) Berlin. It will include a Summer School (August 3-4) and a Conference (August 5-8) with a series of plenary and semi-plenary talks, organized and contributed sessions, and poster sessions.

We invite researchers and practitioners working in the field of optimization to join us and enjoy Berlin’s convenient travel facilities, almost unlimited recreational possibilities, an open-minded and international atmosphere, and a lot of exciting mathematics in the summer of 2019!

**Important Dates**
Feb 22, 2019 Abstract submission for mini symposia
**Mar 22, 2019** Abstract submission for invited/contributed talks
Apr 15, 2019 Abstract submission for posters
May 15, 2019 Early bird registration

**UK Operational Research Society**

**OR61**

**Kent, UK, 3-5 September, 2019**

Now in its 61st year, the conference picks up momentum from the 2018 diamond anniversary which saw a record number of delegates in attendance. Whether you work as a practitioner or an academic, OR61 is the place to come and learn about how OR and analytics are transforming the workplace through delivering productivity improvements.

This must-attend conference also promotes debate and future thinking to focus the OR profession on how it needs
OR61 is co-chaired by Professor Said Salhi and Dr Kathy Kotiadis from the University of Kent and will feature three prominent plenary speakers:

* Professor Erhan Erkut, Vice Rector, MEF University, Istanbul, Turkey [EURO Plenary]
* Professor M Grazia Speranza, Department of Economics and Management, University of Brescia, Italy
* Professor Panos Pardalos, Distinguished Professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Florida, USA

**Important Dates**
- 31 May 2019: Deadline for submission of full Keynote Papers and Extended Abstracts.
- 30 Jun 2019: Deadline for early reduced registration fee.

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**Italian Operations Research Society**

**ODS 2019 International Conference on Optimization and Decision Science**

**Genova, Italy, 4-7 September, 2019**

[Website]

ODS 2019 aims at being an opportunity for researchers and practitioners from various sectors (applied mathematics, computer science, engineering, and economics), private and public companies, industries and policy makers, to present and share ideas, experiences and knowledge, as well as to creating a points of contact amongst themselves.

The conference theme is open to the wide field of optimization, problem solving and decision making methods and their application in industrial and territorial systems. However, a special focus is on Optimization and Decision Science for Logistics and Multimodal Transportation.

Participants can submit their works in the following two ways:
- Short paper (8 – 10 pages, including front matter and references)
- Abstract (max 2000 characters, space included)

**Important Dates**
- March 15, 2019: Deadline for submission of sessions proposal
- March 29, 2019: Deadline for short paper and abstract submission
- April 19, 2019: Deadline for abstract submission
- May 10, 2019: Contribution (short paper or abstract) acceptance notification
- May 27, 2019: Deadline for early registration

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**EWG HOpe, EURO working group on Humanitarian Operations**

**4th EURO HOpe mini-conference**

**Agder, Norway, 5-6 September, 2019**

[Website]

The European Working Group on Humanitarian Logistics (EURO HOpe) and the Centre for Integrated Emergency Management (CIEM) at University of Agder are organizing the fourth EURO HOpe mini-conference in Kristiansand, Norway.

Deadline for submission is **1 June 2019**.

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**ORSSA: The Operations Research Society of South Africa**

**48th ORSSA Annual Conference (2019)**
Cape Town, South Africa, 8-11 September, 2019

The 48th Annual Conference of the Operations Research Society of South Africa (ORSSA) will take place at The Vineyard Hotel, in Cape Town, South Africa, from 8 - 11 September, 2019. The Conference is a celebration of the Society's 50th anniversary.

Abstract submission closes 31 July 2019.

An optional tutorial will be held on Sunday afternoon 8 September, followed by a welcome reception that same evening. The main conference will start Monday morning 9 September and will close at lunchtime on Wednesday, 11 September. We are again excited to also include a poster session at this year's conference.

Participation over the full spectrum of Operations Research is encouraged, including presentations and posters of a more fundamental nature, application of Operations Research techniques in business and industry, topical issues in Operations Research, and the philosophy, teaching and marketing of Operations Research.

Professor M Grazia Speranza, the President of IFORS (International Federation of Operational Research Societies), and Professor Gerhard Geldenhuys, founding member of ORSSA, are the keynote speakers at this year's conference. They are both exceptional OR practitioners and we look forward to their keynote addresses.

Important Dates
1 April 2019 Early bird registration & abstract submission opens
31 July 2019 Abstract submission closes
2 August 2019 Early bird registration closes
16 August 2019 Registration closes

EURO Working Group on Preference Handling

6th International Conference on Algorithmic Decision Theory

Durham, NC, USA, 25-27 October, 2019

The ADT 2019 conference focus is on algorithmic decision theory broadly defined, seeking to bring together researchers and practitioners coming from diverse areas of Computer Science, Economics and Operations Research in order to improve the theory and practice of modern decision support. The conference topics include research in Algorithms, Argumentation Theory, Artificial Intelligence, Computational Social Choice, Database Systems, Decision Analysis, Discrete Mathematics, Game Theory, Machine Learning, Matching, Multi-agent Systems, Multiple Criteria Decision Aiding, Networks, Optimization, Risk Management, and Utility Theory.

Important Dates
* Title and abstract submission: April 7, 2019
* Full paper submission: April 14, 2019
* Acceptance notification: June 7, 2019
* Final version of accepted papers: June 21, 2019

Submissions
Submissions will be accepted via EasyChair.

Publications

European Journal on Decision Processes

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Environmental Decisions
Motivation

Environmental decisions can strongly impact nature, individuals, and society. Our society is urgently asked to find solutions for the sustainable use of resources and to carefully consider the long-term consequences of its actions, but these environmental policy decisions are difficult to make. Environmental systems can be ill-defined, may concern a range of stakeholders with opposed interests, and operate at different time scales. The multiple impacts of environmental decisions may be difficult to quantify and may result in significant societal burdens. Moreover, most environmental decisions are characterized by high uncertainty.

Methods from different fields are well suited to aid individual decision-makers as well as communities. These fields are diverse and include decision, risk, and policy analysis, operational research, economics, psychology, and the natural and engineering sciences. However, applying a single disciplinary perspective is clearly insufficient, and thus interdisciplinary approaches and multiple tiers of analysis are required.

The goal of this Feature Issue is to collect a wide range of papers that focus on the process of environmental decision-making. We are soliciting papers that show how to include different perspectives, stakeholders, and the public in the entire decision-making process. This ranges from framing the problem, eliciting preferences, spatial aspects of environmental decisions, and system modeling to communicating and implementing strategy. Insights into behavioral phenomena and biases, dealing with uncertainty, modeler-stakeholder interactions, or communication are welcome, particularly if they take a system perspective.

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We are inviting state-of the art original research and review papers on environmental decision processes. We are highly interested in empirical and theoretical research that increases our understanding of the effectiveness of selected interventions under high uncertainty in their predicted performance, as well as variability of judgement and values across stakeholder groups. This includes theoretical and applied work on new methods that draw on different disciplines. We are especially open to inter- and trans-disciplinary research. We also welcome original empirical research that focuses on application of decision processes in solving real problems. This Feature may cover various fields (e.g., climate change, resource management, biodiversity, conservation), and applications in various sectors (e.g., energy, waste, forests, or water).

Schedule

Prospective authors are invited to contact the guest editors with an extended abstract of a proposed paper via e-mail (judit.lienert@eawag.ch; igor.Linkov@usace.army.mil) before submitting the full paper.

Submission of full papers is via the EJDP electronic submission system (https://www.editorialmanager.com/ejdp, selecting article type SI: Environmental Decisions).

- February 28, 2019: Submission of full papers
- May 31, 2019: Notification (1st round)
- June 30, 2019: Revision due
- Autumn / Winter 2019: Publication of Feature Issue
- Papers will be published online after acceptance and proof-reading.
Main topics of interest are (but not restricted to):
* Approximation algorithms
* Exact algorithms
* Graphs and networks
* Heuristics
* Mathematical programming
* Metaheuristics
* Scheduling

The full papers must be submitted through the Elsevier Editorial System http://ees.elsevier.com/dam. When submitting your paper, be sure to specify that the paper is a contribution for the Special Issue of ECCO XXXI – CO 2018, so that your paper is assigned to the guest editors. Please see the Author Instructions on the site if you have not yet submitted a paper through this web-based system. Be sure to note that your work is intended for the Special Issue and to select the article type SI: ECCO-CO 2018. Accepted papers will be published online individually, before print publication.

### Special Issue: Call for Papers on Discrete Optimization: Theory, Algorithms, and Applications

**Guest Editors:** Frank Werner

**Deadline for submission:** February 28, 2019

We are looking for new and innovative approaches for solving discrete optimization problems exactly or approximately. High-quality papers are solicited to address both theoretical and practical issues of discrete optimization. Submissions are welcome presenting new theoretical results, structural investigations, new models and algorithmic approaches as well as new applications of discrete optimization problems. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, integer programming, combinatorial optimization, graph-theoretic problems, matroids, scheduling, and logistics.

Please visit the Instructions for Authors page before submitting a manuscript. The Article Processing Charge (APC) for publication in this open access journal is 350 CHF (Swiss Francs). Submitted papers should be well formatted and use good English. Authors may use MDPI's English editing service prior to publication or during author revisions.

### Discrete Applied Mathematics

**Special Issue: Call for Papers on Graphs and Combinatorial Optimization (dedicated to CTW18)**

**Guest Editors:** Fabio Furini, Amelie Lambert, Lucas Letocart, Emiliano Traversi, Leo Liberti

**Deadline for submission:** March 31, 2019

This special issue is open to the topics of graph theory, combinatorial optimization, discrete algorithms and/or mathematical programming. It is not restricted to papers by authors who attended the CTW18 workshop and anyone who wishes to submit a paper to this issue on the aforementioned topics is welcome to. Of course, those who did attend CTW18 are specially encouraged to submit a paper.

In order to submit, log on (as an Author) to Elsevier's EES Editorial Manager for DAM at <https://ees.elsevier.com/dam>, click on "Submit new manuscript", then, at the bottom of the first screen, for "Choose article type", select "SI: CTW18" from the menu.

For any query, contact Leo Liberti <leoliberti@gmail.com>.

### International Journal of Operations & Production
Management

Special Issue: Call for Papers on The Use of Social Media in Operations and Supply Chain Management

Guest Editors: T. C. E. Cheng, Hugo K. S. Lam, Andrew C. Lyons, Andy C. L. Yeung

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2019

Considering the importance of social media for OSCM and a lack of relevant research in the OM literature, this special issue aims to stimulate more original, rigorous, and relevant research on the use of social media in OSCM. In particular, this special issue welcomes submissions adopting theoretical perspectives from other disciplines (e.g., communication, psychology, strategy, marketing, information systems) or developing new theoretical arguments, to challenge our assumptions and thus advance our understanding of the use of social media in OSCM. While this special issue welcomes submissions employing any empirical methods such as case study, survey, experiment, and secondary data, all submissions should pay close attention to the rigour of their research methods and address potential methodological concerns such as common method bias and endogeneity issues. Those concerns are particularly valid for the research context of this special issue as the use of social media in OSCM can be a self-selected, endogenous decision. Finally, although this special issue is open to any theoretical perspective and empirical approach, all the submissions should make it clear that their contributions are relevant to OSCM and fit the scope of IJOPM.

Foundations of Computing and Decision Sciences

Special Issue: Call for Papers on Numerical Techniques
Meet with OR

Guest Editors: Burcu Gürbüz, Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber

Deadline for submission: August 1, 2019

Numerical methods play an important role in Operational Research problems. They apply in various branches of economics, finance, management, physics, biology, medicine, earth sciences, etc. Currently, new technologies and methodologies provide an opportunity to advance numerical techniques. A wide range of problem-solving techniques and methods applied in Operational Research are simulation and mathematical optimization, Markov decision processes, econometric methods, data envelopment analysis, neural networks, and decision analysis. Such techniques are developed within the overlapping field of Numerical Techniques in Operational Research.

The rapidly growing interest of numerical techniques provides new developments in the field of Operational Research and its applications. This has triggered the development of new mathematical methods and algorithms, aiding to solve some of the most complicated and hard problems in the areas of Operational Research.

The paper length should not exceed 25 journal pages.
Manuscript submission must be made by e-mail to the following address: fcds@cs.put.poznan.pl.
To specify the special issue, please indicate in the submission e-mail “NTMOR-2019”.

Competitions, Prizes and Awards

PHD Thesis Award on Sustainable Supply Chains

The EURO Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains is announcing the call for nominations for the best PhD thesis in the field of “Sustainable Supply Chains”. The PhD thesis should be predominantly on applications of
operational research techniques in the field of Sustainable Supply Chains. The thesis must have been examined and approved by a European university between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

Application
Candidates must submit an application via email to the EWG on Sustainable Supply Chains (SustainableSC@om.rwth-aachen.de) by the deadline of the competition containing the following information:
* An executive summary of the PhD thesis highlighting the relevance of the work for the topics of the EWG SustSC of not more than 1,000 words,
* an electronic copy of the PhD Thesis,
* a letter from their main PhD supervisor recommending the candidate for consideration for this award and confirming that the candidate meets the criteria for eligibility for the competition, and
* a certificate of the university confirming the final approval of the thesis.

Deadlines
Examination and acceptance of the PhD Thesis in order to apply for the award: Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018
Application deadline: January 31, 2019
Notification of the decision of the award committee: On or before March 31, 2019

Awards Committee
The Board of the EWG on Sustainable Supply Chains decides the winner based on a recommendation by the PhD Thesis Award Committee. This decision cannot be challenged.

VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize

The VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize (VeRoLog DDP) is issued by the EURO working group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics optimization (VeRoLog) and is awarded at each VeRoLog annual conference. The purpose of the prize is to distinguish an outstanding PhD thesis on Operational Research methods applied to the Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization. It will be awarded at the VeRoLog 2019 conference (Seville, June 3-5, 2019).

The deadline for submitting applications is February 3, 2019.

Contact Prof. Dr. Wout Dullaert School of Business and Economics, Logistics Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Netherlands
E-mail: wout.dullaert@vu.nl
e-mail subject: Verolog DDP 2018

Eligibility of applications
The VeRoLog DDP 2018 jury will only consider PhD theses in Operational Research defended between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2018.

Nominations are NOT restricted to members of societies that belong to EURO. Note that the award is typically organized every year, but this year will span two years because in 2018 no VeRoLog Conference took place. Depending on the number and quality of the applications the jury may decide to award two separate winners for 2017 and 2018.

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 (up to 5 pages) of the dissertation; this abstract should be written in English,
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. an up-to-date CV of the candidate, including a list of publications. No nomination will be considered without these items. All information should be sent in electronic form to the chairman of the jury, Wout Dullaert using a compressed format (e.g. zip).

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:
1. Wout Dullaert, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands (chair)
2. Karl Doerner, Universität Wien, Austria
3. Juan Jose Salazar Gonzalez, Universidad de la Laguna, Spain

Selection process
The members of the jury will study each application in detail. The jury evaluates the applications taking the following points into account:
EthOR Award

The EthOR award will have its 5th edition at the occasion of EURO30 in Dublin 23-26 June 2019 https://www.euro2019dublin.com/

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OR and Ethics and Social Complexity III 39d04512

Submission deadline: February 8, 2019.

The EthOR Award is organised by the EURO Working Group on “Ethics and OR”, a network that gathers scientists, lecturers and professionals in the field of Operational Research who are committed to inspire OR researchers, teachers, students, consultants and decision-makers to integrate ethical aspects and considerations in their OR research, teaching, consultancy and decision-making.

The purpose of this award is to distinguish outstanding work by OR researchers and practitioners promoting ethical dimensions in OR-based studies. Our aim is to encourage in particular – but not exclusively – young researchers, as members of the future generation of managers and decision-makers, in developing and implementing Operations Research techniques for solving contemporary problems presenting ethical dimensions. Many fields of application may be considered like energy, environment, health care, peace studies, economics, corporate social responsibility, finance and others.

The award nominee(s) will receive an official certificate of excellence in developing OR techniques and/or applications contributing to ethical decision-making and a reward of 500 Euro.

Eligibility conditions
To be eligible for the EthOR award 2019 an abstract must be introduced and accepted for presentation in the final programme of the stream OR & Ethics during the Euro30 conference in Dublin https://www.euro2019dublin.com/

Selection Process
The EWG Board will designate an EthOR Award committee for evaluating the presentations made during the conference. If a member of this committee wishes to present an abstract or is one of its co-authors, this presentation is excluded from the competition. The accepted abstract admitted for the award must be presented by the author(s) present at the conference in Valencia. Presentations by video conference or by someone not being an author of the accepted abstract will not be eligible.

The following non-exhaustive aspects will be scrutinised by the committee:
1. Novelty and originality of the contribution.
2. Pertinence and applicability for solving contemporary issues with ethical dimensions.
3. Explicit references to the contributions to Ethics and OR
4. Quality and clarity of the presentation.

If none of the presentation satisfies those conditions the award committee has sovereign rights in deciding not to attribute the EthOR award in 2018.

The nominee(s) will be announced by the award committee chair during the last session of the stream on “Ethics and OR”. The certificate(s) and the reward of 500 Euro will then be handed over to the winner(s) by the chair.

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