

## **Report of Participation in ELAVIO 2014**

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This year I participated in the annual event of ELAVIO, the Latin American Operation Research Summer School. I had an opportunity to be exposed to the recent research being conducted in the countries of South America. This, together with many conversations with graduate students from different countries, helped me to be aware of some of the latest developments in Operations Research and of its various applications.

I had an opportunity to present my current PhD work entitled "The Multi-Phase Distribution Problem" in English in front of an audience of around 30 people. This was the first time for me to present in English, and thus, this presentation has had considerable impact on my presentation skills.

Further, during the event I met Prof. Anand Subramanian from the Federal University of Paraíba (João Pessoa, Brazil), and there is a possibility of future collaboration with him. Moreover, I was invited by Prof. Subramanian to give a seminar talk at the Production Engineering department at the Federal University of Paraíba immediately after ELAVIO 2014 on February 24, 2014. During this one-hour talk I presented my work to an audience of around 20 people. The talk led to a very interesting discussion and remarks, which will definitely help me improve my work.

I therefore wish to express my gratitude to EURO and IFORS, without whom my participation in the ELAVIO 2014 Summer School would not have been possible.