

ORP³ Organising committee report

General remarks

A real congress, dedicated to and made by young OR researchers

The first edition of ORP³ has been holding from 26th to 29th September 2001, at LAMSADE, Paris-Dauphine University, France. ORP³ is a conference dedicated to young OR/DA researchers, which each edition will be held in a different research centre. This was the pilot edition, and this document aims at presenting a synthesis of the event, especially from an organisational point of view, but also from a scientific one.

We first recall the main ORP³ principles, all centred on training, exchanging and promoting:

- a conference organised for and by new OR/DA researchers
- participants have to act as discussant and chairperson
- low participation fees
- a limited number of participants and no parallel sessions
- didactic sessions with experimented OR researchers, who are expected to attend the whole conference

ORP³ is a new EURO tool to promote young researchers' work, and is certainly complementary to the others, because it aims at being a congress of a high scientific quality: this conference is organised as any classical conference, with every participant's involvement in addition.

Conference Unfolding

Hearing from participants themselves, ORP³ is a successful project

This edition has proved that the ORP³ concept is a very brilliant one and promoted to a great future. One of the most important scientific aspects is the fact that participants have taken very seriously their role of discussant. But also having planned only plenary sessions and chosen to work inside a few numerous group have hugely contributed to such scientific exchanges. Thanks to participants, as well as invited Professors (Ken Bowen & Dominique de Werra), who attended every session (included social events), to scientific committee members who have been very present (Valerie Belton, Federico Della Croce, and obviously Denis Bouyssou), a relaxed and self confident atmosphere has quickly been established (in spite of the "first talk stress" for some participants). Let us note that exchanges were not always centred around very specific nor connected aspects, far from this : the sessions diversity has not discouraged discussions, but on the contrary encouraged them.

Financial Aspects

With a low number of participants, we can afford a pleasant & confident atmosphere

The total budget for such a conference should not exceed 12000 Euros, on the basis of a 40 persons conference. We precisely handled 23 (+1) speakers, 2 non-speaker participants, 2 accompanying persons and, depending to the day, 4 people from the OC and 3 or 4 persons from the SC.

EXPENSES

- Lunches, aperitif, coffee breaks & breakfast	17.500FF
- Dinners (social events)	17.000FF
- Social events	3.900FF
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- Proceedings (reprography)	8.000FF
- Call for papers brochures	7.000FF
- Mail	200FF
- Printing (programme etc)	500FF

- Guest Professors expenditures	8.000FF
- ORP ³ products (briefcase, cap, pens etc...)	11.000FF
- Miscellaneous (conference rooms rental, computer use etc...)	8.000FF
- RATP	2.900FF
TOTAL EXPENSES	84.000FF

INCOMINGS

We benefited of several supports : EURO (20.000CHF) is of course the main one. The University Paris Dauphine has also contributed to the conference (35.000FF). IFORS has also supported one of the participant to come in France.

Web Aspects

We think that make any ORP³ information available on a unique URL should be a relevant idea.

ORP³ is a EURO peripatetic conference; we think a good idea to edit its proceedings on the www, in the view of an efficient communication. So it should be convenient for EURO to own the name orp3.com. Furthermore, EURO should register a web space in order to manage itself ORP³ web sites among years (for each edition, just giving the permission to the OC to write its own pages on a specific link, and letting previous edition pages available, especially for proceedings, on a lonely URL).

We registered the name orp3.com at Gandi web site, www.gandi.net; Sophie Toulouse is the current owner / responsible for this name, so, she she is this only one authorised to do any change on the domain name parameters. EURO should appoint someone to this responsibility, and the appointed person will have to create his own Gandi ID on the site; just communicate this ID to Sophie Toulouse (wstoulouse@noos.fr) who will then do the change.

miscellaneous

Because of his amazing personality, and also of his experience, Ken Bowen has been an active participant during the four whole days. We suggest to give him the status of perpetual sponsor of ORP3.