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Words from the chair

Dear members of EUROPT,

We have already reached February of 2011 and it is time for the first EUROPT Newsletter of this year. As I promised earlier, in this newsletter we introduce the members of the Managing Board of EUROPT. Our term is 2010-2012. I hope that this brings the Managing Board closer to you and encourage you to contact us with ideas, hints, recommendations etc. We wish to serve our members as well as possible!

This year is full of scientific events and some of them are briefly introduced here. Among others, we have the triennial IFORS conference in Melbourne, Australia, and before it our own EUROPT Workshop on Advances on Continuous Optimization in Ballarat, Australia on July 8-9, 2011. Even though Australia is far a way for many of us, I still hope for active participation to make it a fruitful workshop!

Besides conference announcements, we have here a collection of job opportunities, conference reports and calls for papers. Many thanks to Tatiana Tchemisova, the Newsletter Editor for putting all this together! If you have information to share, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

I wish you a fruitful and rewarding year 2011 and look forward to hearing from you!

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I am professor in industrial optimization and head the Industrial Optimization Group (www.mit.jyu.fi/optgroup) at the Faculty of Information Technology of the University of Jyväskylä, Finland. My primary research fields is (continuous) nonlinear multiobjective optimization.

My research interests include theory, method and software development as well different real applications. I am also interested in decision support, evolutionary algorithms, development of hybrid methods and challenges of computationally demanding problems.

Besides being the Chair of EUROPT, I am the President-Elect of the International Society on Multiple Criteria Decision Making (www.mcdmsociety.org) and the General Chair of the 21st International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making which will be organized in Jyäskyl"a in June 2011 (www.jyu.fi/mcdm2011). I have been president of the Finnish Operations Research Society and

Finnish Society of Computational Sciences. I belong to the editorial boards of several OR journals.

Vice Chair of EUROPT: Professor Mirjam Dür

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I am an assistant professor and head of the Optimization Group at the Department of Mathematics of the University of Groningen (The Netherlands). My main field of interest is global optimization, in particular nonconvex quadratic programming. This is closely related to conic optimization where problems over the semidefinite and related matrix cones are studied, and yields interesting connections between conic problems and combinatorial optimization. Since 2006, I have been a member of the EUROPT Managing Board, and I have co-chaired the EURO Summer Institute 2006 in Wittenberg and the EUROPT Workshop 2009 in Remagen. I am a member of the editorial boards of Journal of Global Optimization and Mathematical Methods of Operations Research.



EUROPT Treasurer: Professor Oliver Stein

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The research at my chair for continuous optimization at the Faculty of Economics and Business Engineering of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology emphasizes mathematical methods of continuous and mixed-integer optimization. My recent research is devoted to parametric optimization as well as mathematical programs with complementarity constraints, with applications to cutting stock, robust optimization and game theory. I serve as an editor for several international journals, among them Journal of Global Optimization, Mathematical Methods of Operations Research, and Optimization. My professional memberships include MOS, SIAM, GAMM, and GOR. I have been member in organization and program committees for a number of international conferences, and I coordinate the international conference series on Parametric Optimization and Related Topics (paraopt).



Secretary of EUROPT: Professor Leonidas Sakalauskas

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I am professor in informatics at the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Vilnius, Lithuania. My primary research fields is (continuous and discrete) stochastic optimization and stochastic programming. My interests include theory, method and software development as well different real applications. I am also interested in metaheuristic algorithms, statistical simulation, queueing theory, data mining, and challenges of computationally demanding problems.

Besides being the Secretary of EUROPT, I am the Elected Member of the International Statistical Institute, President of Lithuanian Operational Research Society and the Chair of the OC of the XXV EURO Conference which will be organized in Vilnius in July 2012 (www.euro-2012.lt). I belong to the editorial boards of several OR journals.



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I currently work as a professor at the Department of Industrial Engineering, Ozyegin University, Istanbul, Turkey (www.ozyegin.edu.tr). I also run Pinter Consulting Services, Inc., Canada. My professional interests are primarily related to nonlinear optimization, including algorithm and software development, and a broad range of applications. I am the author of several books and nearly 200 other technical publications. I have been serving on editorial and society boards, academic panels and committees for over 25 years. I am also a member of CORS, HORS, INFORMS, and SIAM. I have worked and presented lectures in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East, and the Pacific Region.



Newsletter Editor: Professor Tatiana Tchemisova

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I currently work as a professor at the Department of Mathematics, University of Aveiro, Portugal. My professional interests are related to Mathematical Programming, mainly Geometric, Semi-infinite, Semidefinite Programming. I am also interested in Optimization applications to Data Mining, Mass Transportation and others. Also, I participate in projects connected with non-formal mathematical education. Being EUROPT member since 2004, I participate in EUROPT Newsletter Editorial Board since 2009. I have been member of organization and program committees for a number of international conferences.



Forthcoming Events

• 3rd Porto Meeting on MATHEMATICS for INDUSTRY Porto, Portugal April 28-30, 2011

http://cmup.fc.up.pt/cmup/mathindustry/2011/

Main Speakers and courses

- Linda Allen "Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Diseases"
- Eligius Hendrix, "Mathematical Optimization Applied"
- Eugene Stanley (to be confirmed), TBA
- Mattias Wahde, "Biological Inspired Optimization Methods"

Invited Talks

- Adérito Araújo, Departamento de Matemática FCTUC
- -Lino Costa, Departamento de produção e sistemas, Escola de Engenharia Universidade do Minho
- João Luís Soares, Departamento de Matemática FCTUC

Scope.

The purpose of this meeting is to focus the attention on the many and varied opportunities to promote applications of mathematics to industrial problems. Its major objectives are:

- Development and encouragement of industrial and academic collaboration, facilitating contacts between academic, industrial, business and finance users of mathematics.
- Through "bridging the industrial/academic barrier" these meetings will provide opportunities to present successful collaborations and to elaborate elements such as technology transfer, differing vocabularies and goals, nurturing of contacts and resolution of issues.
- To attract undergraduate students to distinctive and relevant formation profiles, motivate them during their study, and advance their personal training in Mathematics and its Applications to Industry, Finance, etc.

The meeting will be focused on short courses, of three one-hour lectures each, given by invited distinguished researchers, which are supplemented by contributed short talks by other participants and posters of case studies.

The meeting will be followed by the 81th European Study Group in Lisbon between the 23th and the 27th of May 2011 http://cemapre.iseg.utl.pt/esgi81/.

Venue. Centro de Matematica da Universidade do Porto, Edificio do Departamento de Matematica da FCUP, Rua do Campo Alegre, 687, 4169-007 Porto, Portugal

Workshop on Computational and Analytical Mathematics in honour of Jonathan Borweins 60th Birthday Burnaby, BC, Canada May 16 - 20, 2011

http://conferences.irmacs.sfu.ca/jonfest2011/

General information. Having authored more than a dozen books and more than 300 publications, Jonathan Borwein is one of the most productive Canadian mathematicians ever. His research spans pure, applied, and computational mathematics as well as high performance computing. His research continues to have enormous impact: MathSciNet lists more than 2500 citations by more than 1250 authors, and he is one of the 250 most cited mathematicians of the period 1980-1999. He has

served the Canadian Mathematics Community through his presidency (200002) as well as his 15 years of editing the CMS book series.

Jonathan Borweins vision and initiative have been crucial in initiating and developing several institutions that provide support for researchers with a wide range of scientific interests. A few notable examples include the Centre for Experimental and Constructive Mathematics and the IRMACS Centre at Simon Fraser University, the Dalhousie Distributed Research Institute at Dalhousie University, the Western Canada Research Grid, and the Centre for Computer Assisted Research Mathematics and its Applications, University of Newcastle.

As Dr. Borwein turns 60 in May 2011, a great opportunity arises to celebrate this shining example of excellence through a workshop held in his honour. The profound impact his research has had on Optimization, Functional Analysis, Operations Research, Mathematical Programming, Number Theory, and Experimental Mathematics is certain to attract high-caliber scientists from a wide range of mathematical fields. The workshop will be an excellent opportunity to survey the state-of-the-art in these areas, and to discuss promising research directions and approaches.

Organizational Committee. Peter Borwein (Simon Fraser University) *Chair* **Scientific Committee.**

- Heinz Bauschke (University of British Columbia Okanagan)
- Peter Borwein (Simon Fraser University)
- Michel Théra (Université de Limoges, France)
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III Alicante-Limoges-Elche meeting on Optimization Castro Urdiales (Cantabria), Spain June 23 - 25, 2011

http://cio.umh.es/alel2011/

Aims and scope. This is the third edition of a two-days international workshop organized with the aim of promoting a broad exchange of information and new developments in optimization theory and its applications. This includes convex and nonsmooth analysis, numerical methods, semi-infinite optimization, among others. The first edition took place at the University of Limoges, while the second one was developed at the University of Alicante. For details about these previous editions one can visit the webs:

- $http://www.unilim.fr/pages_perso/abderrahim.hantoute/ALEL2008.html$
- http://www.eio.ua.es/actividades/congresos/alel/

The current edition of the IIIALEL Meeting is co-organized by the University of Limoges, Miguel Hernández University of Elche and CIEM. The meeting is also supported by the Spanish project i-MATH and the town hall of Castro Urdiales.

The primary goal of the current edition is to build a strong network in Optimization and Applied Analysis which connects some prestigious researchers in Spain and in France in relation to some other collaborators through some scientific projects such as ECOS Project with Chile, Australian Research Council Discovery Project with Australia, etc. As a result the schedule is built under a limited number of talks, with no parallel sessions, and many discussions

Invited speakers.

- 1. Samir Adly (University of Limoges, France),
- 2. Emilio Carrizosa (University of Seville, Spain),
- 3. Eduardo Casas (University of Cantabria, Spain),
- 4. Aris Daniilidis (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain),
- 5. María Dolores Fajardo (University of Alicante, Spain),
- 6. Masao Fukushima (Kioto University, Japan),
- 7. Miguel A. Goberna (University of Alicante, Spain),
- 8. Cesar Gutierrez (University of Valladolid, Spain),
- 9. Abderrahim Hantoute (Centro de Modelamiento Matemático, Chile),
- 10. Jean-Baptiste Hiriart-Urruty (Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France),
- 11. Noureddine Igbida (University of Limoges, France),
- 12. Abderrahim Jourani (Université de Bourgogne, Dijon, France),
- 13. Genaro López (University of Seville, Spain),
- 14. Marco A. López (University of Alicante, Spain),
- 15. Juan Enrique Martínez Legaz (University Autonomous of Barcelona, Spain),
- 16. Ana Meca Martínez (Miguel Hernández University of Elche, Spain),
- 17. José Orihuela (University of Murcia, Spain),
- 18. Margarita Rodriguez (University of Alicante, Spain),
- 19. Julio D. Rossi (University of Alicante, Spain),
- 20. Francisco Santos (University of Cantabria, Spain),
- 21. Tamás Terlaky (Lehigh University, USA),
- 22. Lionel Thibault (University of Montpellier, France),

- 23. F. Javier Toledo (Miguel Hernández University of Elche, Spain),
- 24. Julian Toledo (Universidad de Valencia, Spain),
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IMPORTANT DAYS Deadline for registration: May 15, 2011

9th EUROPT Workshop ADVANCES IN CONTINUOUS OPTIMIZATION Ballarat, Australia July 8 - 9, 2011

http://westvicsport.org.au/ard/itms/CIAO/Workshops/EUROPT2011/index.shtml

Aims and scope. This meeting continues in the line of the EUROPT workshops, the first held in 2000 in Budapest, followed by the workshops in Rotterdam in 2001, Istanbul in 2003, Rhodes in 2004, Reykjavik in 2006, Prague in 2007, Remagen in 2009 and Aveiro in 2010. The workshop aims to provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in continuous optimization and related fields to discuss and exchange their latest works.

Invited speakers.

- Jonathan Borwein University of Newcastle, Australia
- Marco A. Lopez Cerda University of Alicante, Spain
- Oliver Stein Karlsruhe, Germany
- Juan Enrique Martinez Legaz University of Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

Topics. The topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Applications of continuous optimization to combinatorial problems
- Complexity and efficiency of optimization algorithms
- Convex and nonsmooth optimization
- Complementarily and variational problems
- Derivative-free optimization
- Global optimization
- Large-scale optimization
- Linear and nonlinear optimization
- Optimal control
- Multiobjective optimization
- Robust optimization
- Semi-definite programming
- Semi-infinite programming
- Stochastic optimization

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Abstract submission: April 30, 2011 Notification of acceptance: May 15, 2011 Deadline for registration: June 10, 2011

Optimization 2011

Lisbon (Caparica), Portugal July 24-27, 2011

www.fct.unl.pt/optimization2011

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Scope. Optimization 2011 is the seventh edition of a series of Optimization international conferences held every three or four years, in Portugal. This meeting aims to bring together researchers and practitioners from different areas and with distinct backgrounds, but with common interests in optimization. This conference series has international recognition as an important forum of discussion and exchange of ideas, being organized under the auspices of APDIO (the Portuguese Operations Research Society).

In this edition, we feel honored to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our dear colleague Joaquim João Judice (Univ. of Coimbra).

All the information can be found in the conference web site and in EUROPT Newsletter N.17: http://www.iam.metu.edu.tr/EUROPT/Newsletter21-EUROPT.pdf Contact: optimization2011@fct.unl.pt

IMPORTANT DAYS

Deadline for abstract submission: March 31, 2011;
Notification of acceptance: May 1, 2011;
Early Registration: Before May 15, 2011.

10th International Symposium on Generalized Convexity and Monotonicity (GCM10)

Cluj-Napoca, Romania August 22-27, 2011

http://www.cs.ubbcluj.ro/gcm10

Scope. The GCM10 symposium aims to continue the series of nine conferences organized during the last three decades: 1980 (Vancouver, Canada), 1986 (Canton, U.S.A.), 1988 (Pisa, Italy), 1992 (Pécs, Hungary), 1996 (Luminy-Marseille, France), 1999 (Karlovassi-Samos, Greece), 2002 (Hanoi, Vietnam), 2005 (Varese, Italy), and 2008 (Kaohsiung, Taiwan).

Its theme covers generalized convexity and monotonicity, variational analysis, and their applications in optimization, control, economics, statistics, finance, engineering and related areas. As all recent editions, this one is organized by the Working Group on Generalized Convexity (www.genconv.org).

Program Committee. T. Luc (Chair), D. Aussel, R. Cambini, F. Flores-Bazan, N. Hadjisavvas, B. Mordukhovich, N. Popovici, and S. Schaible. **Organizing committee.** N. Popovici (Chair), W. W. Breckner, A. Grad, G. Kassay, D. T. Luc, A. Petrusel, C. Pintea, and H. F. Pop.

Invites Speakers. Y. Nesterov, J. V. Outrata, S. M. Robinson, and C. Zălinescu. **Proceedings.** The symposium proceedings will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Global Optimization, the selection of papers being based upon peer review. Guest editors for this special issue will be B. Mordukhovich, R. L. Sheu, and N. Popovici.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Early registration: April 30, 2011 Late registration: June 30, 2011

3rd International Conference on Applied Operational Research (ICAOR'11)

Istanbul, Turkey August 24-26, 2011

$www.icaor 2011. bahcesehir.edu.tr,\ www.tadbirstm.org.ir$

Scope. The conference brings together academics and practitioners from around the world with an opportunity to discuss current issues in operational research and management science (OR/MS). The ICAOR 2011 conference will take place at Bahcesehir University in the city of Istanbul, Turkey. We invite you to join your colleagues for this international meeting.

Conference Theme. The conference will cover all aspects of operational research with particular emphasis being placed on applications, including, but not limited to:

- 1. Agriculture and Fisheries
- 2. Data Mining and Forecasting
- 3. Decision Analysis and Support
- 4. Defence and Military
- 5. Education, Government and Sports
- 6. Energy, Natural Resources and Environment
- 7. Financial and Business Applications
- 8. Graphs and Networks
- 9. Health and Social Services
- 10. Location and Optimization
- 11. Manufacturing, Maintenance and Services
- 12. Quality, Statistics and Reliability
- 13. Supply Chain Management and Logistics
- 14. Telecommunications and Information Science

- 15. Timetabling, Scheduling and Queuing
- 16. Transportation, Traffic and Logistics

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Paper Submission.

Researchers wishing to contribute to the conference are invited to submit manuscripts of not more than 12 pages either as full papers or extended abstracts. The working language of the conference is English. Authors are encouraged to prepare their manuscripts in LNCS style using the MS Word template provided by the Springer, please see Information for LNCS Authors.

Papers should be submitted online through the conference website submission system in MS Word 2003 format (.doc). All submissions will be reviewed by at least two referees, and successful papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings.

Special Issue. The authors of accepted papers may submit extended versions of their papers for consideration to post-conference special issues of the Journal of Applied Operational Research (JAOR) or Lecture Notes in Management Science (LNMS).

Contact Details. General information on the conference email to: icaor2011@gmail.com Local Chair: Prof. Dr. Yavuz Gunalay, Bahcesehir University, Besiktas 34353 Istanbul, Turkey. Tel +90 212 381 0492, Fax +90 212 381 0450, yavuz.gunalay@bahcesehir.edu.tr

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Paper submission deadline: March 15, 2011
Notification of decisions: May 15, 2011
Registration deadline: June 15, 2011
Camera-ready deadline: June 30, 2011

OR 2011, International Conference on Operations Research

Zurich, Switzerland August 30-September 2, 2011

<u>www.or2011.ch</u>



General information. This international conference of the three German speaking OR societies GOR, ÖGOR and SVOR is under the patronage of the Swiss OR Society (SVOR). The conference hosts at the same time the respective annual meetings of the three OR societies. The organizers are looking forward to seeing you here in Zurich with its beautiful lake and breathtaking mountain-view. We promise you an excellent scientific program.

Topics and Program. The main goal of the conference is to bring together members of the international OR community to discuss scientific progresses in various subfields of OR in a truly interdisciplinary spirit. The highlights and core of the conference are the invited Keynote Speakers and the parallel semi-plenary lectures on various topics representing the state of the art in these fields. Certainly, the conference provides a platform to present current research and to compete for a publication in the referred proceedings. We are very pleased that many local colleagues agreed to actively participate in this event, making it truly interdisciplinary in its scientific design.

Of particular interest will be the recognition given to young scientists, namely by the dissertations awards and the master theses awards. Furthermore, the social networking among professionals and scientists will be facilitated by different social events.

Plenary/Semi-plenary lectures. (http://www.or2011.ch/topics_program/lectures)

- Dimitris J. Bertsimas, MIT, Cambridge
- Kenneth L. Judd, Hoover Institute, Stanford
- William Pulleyblank, IBM / West Point Academy

Streams and chairs.http://www.or2011.ch/topics_program

Program committee. http://www.or2011.ch/topics_program/program_committee

- Karl Schmedders (Chair), University of Zurich
- Friedrich Eisenbrand, EPF Lausanne
- Luca Gambardella, IDSIA, Lugano
- Diethard Klatte, University of Zurich

- Ulrike Leopold-Wildburger, University of Graz
- Hans-Jakob Lüthi, ETH Zurich
- Stefan Nickel, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Stefan Pickl, Universität der Bundeswehr München
- Marion Rauner, University of Vienna
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IMPORTANT DAYS

Deadline abstract submission: April 30, 2011 Notification of acceptance/ Opening submission of paper for proceedings: May 30, 2011 Deadline submission of paper for proceedings: June 30, 2011

AMADE-2011, 6th International Conference "Analytical Methods of Analysis and Differential Equations" dedicated to the memory of A.A. Kilbas

Minsk, Belarus September 12-18, 2011

http://amade-bsu.na.by

General information. The Belarusian State University and the Institute of Mathematics of the Belarusian National Academy of Sciences together with Moscow State University organize at September 12-18, 2011, in Minsk, Belarus, the sixth International Conference Analytical Methods of Analysis and Differential Equations (AMADE-2011), dedicated to the memory of Professor Anatoly Alexandrovich Kilbas. The length of plenary invited lectures is 45 min, reports - 20 min and short communications - 10 min. The publication of the abstract and the proceedings is planned.

Scope. The Conference keeps the tradition of previous conferences Boundary Value Problems, Fractional Calculus and Special Functions (1996), Analytical Methods of Analysis and Differential Equations (1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2009), held in Minsk, Belarus. The Conference is organizing under the guidance of the International Society for Analysis, its Applications and Computation (ISAAC).

Topics. Integral Transforms and Special Functions. Differential Equations. Integral, Difference, Functional Equations and Fractional Calculus. Real and Complex Analysis. Mathematical Methods in Economics. Modern Problems of Mechanics, Biomechanics and Nanomechanics.

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IMPORTANT DAYS Submission: March 1, 2011

International Conference of Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics (ICNAAM 2011)

Halkidiki, Greece September 19-25, 2011

http://www.icnaam.org/

Topics. Topics to be covered include (but are not limited to):

• All the research areas of Numerical Analysis and Computational Mathematics

Numerical ODEs, Numerical PDEs (inc. BVPs), Scientific Computing and Algorithms, Stochastic Differential Equations, Approximation, Numerical Linear Algebra, Numerical Integral Equations, Error Analysis and Interval Analysis, Difference Equations and Recurrence Relations, Numerical problems in Dynamical Systems, Applications to the Sciences (Computational Physics, Computational Statistics, Computational Chemistry, Computational Engineering etc.), Differential Algebraic Equations, Numerical methods in Fourier analysis, etc.. • All the research areas of Applied and Industrial Mathematics

Mathematical Physics, Mathematical Chemistry, Mathematical Biology and Mathematical Medicine, Optimization and Operational Research, Theoretical Mechanics, Discrete Applied Mathematics, Statistics, Probability, Dynamical Systems, Algorithms, Experimental Mathematics, Theoretical Computer Science, Applied Analysis, Mathematical Modelling (including but not limited to mathematical modelling of engineering and environmental processes, manufacturing, and industrial systems, heat transfer, fluid mechanics, CFD, and transport phenomena; solid mechanics and mechanics of metals; electromagnets and MHD; reliability modelling and system optimization; decision sciences in an industrial and manufacturing context; civil engineering systems and structures; mineral and energy resources; relevant software engineering issues associated with CAD and CAE; and materials and metallurgical engineering, mathematical modelling of social, behavioral and other sciences), Decomposition and Reconstruction Algorithms, Subdivision Algorithms, Continuous and Discrete Wavelet Transform, Time-frequency Localization, Phase-Space Analysis, Subband Coding, Image Compression, Real-Time Filtering, Radar and Sonar Applications, Transient Analysis, Medical Imaging, Multigrid Methods, Frames, Bifurcation and Singularity Theory, Deterministic Chaos and Fractals, Soliton and Coherent Phenomena, Formation of Pattern, Evolution, Complexity Theory and Neural Networks, Analytical Approaches and Simulations for more Accurate Descriptions, Predictions, Experimental Observations and Applications of Nonlinear Phenomena in Science and Engineering, Theoretical and Applied aspects of Computational Geometry, Control Theory and Automation, Fuzzy Sets and Systems and Fuzzy Logic, Applied Algebra, Quality Theory of Differential Equations, Neural Networks, etc.

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Call for Organization of Session, Workshop or Minisymposium.

Proposals for Sessions, Workshops or Minisymposia are welcome.

Each session should have at least 6 paper presentations. For this session the organiser or his team can have at most 2 papers.

Each workshop or minisymposium should have at least 10 paper presentations. For this workshop or minisymposium the organizer or his team can have at most 2 papers.

The Session, Workshop or Minisymposium organizer will be responsible for advertising the workshop, reviewing and selecting the papers.

The Session organizers will have free registration in ICNAAM 2011.

The Workshop or Minisymposium organizers will have free registration and a participation in the Accommodation.

Papers accepted for Sessions, Workshops or Minisymposia will be published in the Proceedings of ICNAAM 2011.

After the Conference the papers presented at the Sessions, Workshops or Minisymposia will be considered for publication in the appropriate journals.

Submission of Proposals.

Proposals to organize Sessions, Workshops or Minisymposia should include the following information: title of the workshop, name, affiliation, mailing address and e-mail address of the proposer(s), description of the topic of the session (not exceeding 100 words), a short description on how the session will be advertised.

The deadline for proposal submission is June 15, 2011. Please send your proposal to: tsimos.conf@gmail.com with a carbon copy to tsimos.conf09@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DAYS

Early Registration ends: April 30, 2011 Normal Registration ends: June 15, 2011 Late Registration ends: July 29, 2011 Submission of Extended Abstract: July 22, 2011 Notification of acceptance: July 29, 2011 Submission of the camera ready extended abstracts: August 1, 2011 Submission of the full paper: September 30, 2011 - January 31, 2011

15th Austrian-French-German Conference on Optimization, AFG'11

Toulouse, France September 19-23, 2011

http://www.math.univ-toulouse.fr/afg11/

General information. The AFG'11 is the 15th of a series of French-German meetings which started in Oberwolfach in 1980. This time, it is organized jointly with Austria, and it will take place in Toulouse, on September 19-23, 2011.

The conference will consist of 9 invited plenary talks, 3 parallel contributed sessions, minisymposia and one poster session.

All aspects of optimization may be addressed.

Topics. The special orientations of the AFG'11 are the following:

- Optimization in aeronautical and space engineering
- mathematical imaging
- Mathematics applied to Economy

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Special issue. A special issue of the Journal of Convex Analysis will be edited on the occasion of the AFG'11. The participants who intend to submit a paper for the special issue must mention it in the final registration step. The submission will follow the usual refereeing process, but authors will have to mention, when submitting their paper, that it is intended for the AFG'11 special issue.

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Talk and poster abstract submission: April 14, 2011 Acceptance Notification: May 12, 2011 Registration online: March 1-July 21, 2011 Payment system online: March 1-July 21, 2011 Deadline for payment of early registration fee: June 9, 2011 Deadline for payment of late registration fee: July 21, 2011

2011 International Conference on Applied and Engineering Mathematics AEM 2011

Shanghai, China October 28-30, 2011

www.engii.org/cet2011/AEM2011.aspx

General information. The 2011 International Conference on Applied and Engineering Mathematics (AEM2011) will take place in Shanghai China, 28-30 October, 2011. The conference AEM2011 is held under the World Congress on Engineering and Technology 2011(CET2011). The CET 2011 is composed of several conferences on the frontier topics in the engineering and technological subjects.

The CET conference proceedings will be published by IEEE, and the accepted papers will be indexed by Ei Compendex and ISTP.

Online submission system. www.engii.org/cet2011Submission/index.aspx

Areas of interest:

Inventory Control, Iterative Methods, Large-scale Systems, Linear Programming, Markov Chains, Mathematical Programming, Mathematical Statistics, Methods of Algorithmic Analysis, Network Optimization, Nonlinear Programming, Nonlinear Systems, Non-linear Systems, Numerical Linear Analysis, Optimization Theory, Ordinary Differential Equations, Partial Differential Equations, Perturbation Problems, Probability Theory, Quadratic Programming, Queueing Theory, Real time Systems, Reliability Theory, Routing Theory, Stochastic Modeling, Stochastic Process, Stochastic Programming, Tensor Analysis, Transportation Problems, Variation Methods, Algorithms, Applied Statistics, Chaos Systems, Coding, Combinatorial Linear Algebra, Combinatorial Problems, Combinatorial Programming, Cryptology, Decision Theory, Difference Equations, Dynamical Systems, Error Analysis, Estimation Theory, Financial Mathematics, Finite Elements, Game Theory, Graph Theory, Identification, Integral Equations, Scheduling, Scientific Computing, Signal Processing, Simulation, Stability Problems, Stochastic Differential Equations, Computational Programming of Numerical Algorithms, Numerical Methods for Ordinary and Partial Differential Equation

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IMPORTANT DAYS

Paper Submission Deadline: April 30, 2011
Acceptance Notification: June 15, 2011
Conference: October 28-30, 2011

Awards

MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award

At the 21st International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making,

http://www.jyu.fi/mcdm2011, the International Society on Multiple Criteria Decision Making will honor the MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award to a young scholar who has recently obtained a doctoral degree and completed an excellent doctoral dissertation in the Multiple Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) and/or related research fields.

Once applications are received, the MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee will evaluate the applications, identify finalists and provide recommendations to the MCDM Executive Committee for the final decision. The award will be announced at the 21st International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, June 13-17, 2011. The finalists are expected to give a talk at the conference and the final decision will be made after the talks.

Application Process. Deadline for applications: March 31, 2011. Please send the zip file of the application packet to Yong Shi, the chair of the MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee at yshi@unomaha.edu and yshi@gucas.ac.cn

Eligibility. All applicants, whose dissertation is in the MCDM and/or related fields was written in English and graduated with a doctoral degree in 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011.

Submission. The application packet should include the following documents: Cover letter; Detailed resume; Scanned copy of the original diploma of Doctoral Degree /Scanned copy of dissertation acceptance form signed by all committee members for recent graduates who do not have the diploma; Electronic copy of the Doctoral Dissertation Report of the corresponding supervisor; Extended Abstract of the Doctoral Dissertation in English, limit of four single-spaced pages; Copy of related publications/patents based on the Doctoral Dissertation, if any; Supporting letters of three references, at least two from persons who were not Dissertation Advisors or did serve on the Dissertation Committee.

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Postdoctoral position at Argonne National Laboratory

The Mathematics and Computer Science (MCS) Division at Argonne National Laboratory invites outstanding candidates to apply for a postdoctoral position focusing on the development of a next-generation set of mathematical models and computational techniques to simulate, detect, and mitigate attacks on networks of computers. The goal of this project is to develop multilevel techniques on networks to analyze attack methods over time and across the network space. The successful candidate will develop multilevel machine-learning techniques to support automated intrusion detection capabilities, and new mathematical models to improve the response to cyber attacks.

Candidates should be familiar with C/C++ and have a background in one or more of the following: optimization, network analysis, linear algebra, scientific computing, and machine learning. Experience with multilevel techniques, or large-scale and integer optimization is a plus. Candidates should submit an application via the Argonne website under division postdoctoral job openings for job requisition MCS-316992.

Information. For further information about postdoc appointments at Argonne, see the http://www.dep.anl.gov/postdocs/divisionpostdoc.htm.

Contact. Questions can be addressed to Sven Leyffer, or Ilya Safro, MCS Division, by e-mail to leyffer@mcs.anl.gov or safro@mcs.anl.gov

Special Issues

• Optimization Methods and Software (OMS): Special Issue in honor of Kees Roos 70th birthday

Call for Contributions: We invite articles on all aspects within the scope of OMS as summarized on the Taylor Francis website http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/GOMS.

However, submissions in the area of interior-point methods for various optimization problems, and applications of linear and nonlinear optimization methods are especially welcome. Throughout his career Kees Roos has had numerous and significant contributions in these areas of research.

All manuscripts should conform to the OMS style regulations.

Submission. Submissions are due by April 30, 2011, via the manuscript central portal http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/goms

Guest-Editors. Tamas Terlaky, Goran Lesaja, Etienne de Klerk, Dick den Hertog

Reports

Report on ICOTA 8, 8th International Conference on Optimization: Techniques and Applications, Shanghai, China, December 10-13, 2010

by Xiaoling Sun (Department of Management Science, Fudan University, Shanghai, China), and Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (Institute of Applied Mathematics, METU, Ankara, Turkey)

The 8th International Conference on Optimization: Techniques and Applications (ICOTA 8) was successfully held at Fudan University, in the exciting city of Shanghai, China, on December 10-13, 2010 (http://www.fdsm.fudan.edu.cn/icota8/). There were over 320 participants from 30 countries and areas. The co-chairs of the conferences were: Prof. Xiaoling Sun from Fudan University, Prof. Duan Li from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prof. Shouyang Wang from The Chinese Academy of Sciences and Prof. Ya-xiang Yuan from The Chinese Academy of Sciences.

There were 8 plenary speeches in ICOTA8:

- Kurt M. Anstreicher (The University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA): "Optimization with Copositive and Completely Positive Matrices"
- Aharon BenTal (Technion Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel): "Tractable Solutions to some Challenging Optimization Problems"
- Christodoulos A. Floudas (Princeton University, New Jersey, USA): "Towards Large Scale Deterministic Global Optimization"
- Graham C. Goodwin (University of Newcastle, Australia): "Some Applications of Optimization in Control Engineering"
- Jean B. Lasserre (LAAS-CNRS, Toulouse, France): "The "Joint+Marginal" Approach in Optimization"
- Shinji Mizuno (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan): "A Bound for the Number of Different Basic Solutions Generated by the Simplex Method"
- George L. Nemhauser (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA): "Polyhedral Theory for Optimization Under Uncertainty"
- Shuzhong Zhang (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China): "The Price of Anarchy and Myopia: a Study of System Inefficiencies"

In addition, the conference had 7 Keynote Speakers. They were:

- Jong-Shi Pang (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, USA),
- Francisco Facchinei (University of Rome "La Sapienza"),

- Jie Sun (National University of Singapore),
- Defeng Sun (National University of Singapore),
- Daniel Ralph (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom),
- Bintong Chen (University of Delaware) and
- Masao Fukushima (Kyoto University, Japan).

There were around 60 special and contributed sessions with over 200 presentations.

The International Conference on Optimization: Techniques and Applications (ICOTA) is an official conference series of POP (The Pacific Optimization Research Activity Group; http://158.132.174.242/pop/), which was established in October 2000 to promote optimization research activities in the Pacific region. In 2002, ICOTA became one of the two official conference series of POP. ICOTA 8 is the third that is held as a POP official conference, following ICOTA 6 in Ballarat, 2004 and ICOTA 7 in Kobe, 2007. The goal of ICOTA is to provide an international forum for scientists, researchers, software developers, and practitioners to exchange ideas and approaches, to present research findings and state-of-the-art solutions, to share experiences on potentials and limits, and to open new avenues of research and developments, on all issues and topics related to optimization and its applications.

During the conference ICOTA 8, Prof. Wuyi Yue, on behalf of the Steering Committee of ICOTA 8, announced that the next ICOTA (ICOTA 9) will be held in Taipei, Taiwan. The organizers of ICOTA9 will be Prof. Soonyi Wu and Prof. Shu-Cherng Fang.

For further conference photos ICOTA 8 please visit:

http://cid-7519d6e3eed3990e.photos.live.com/albums.aspx

Since 10 years, there is a collaboration agreement between POP and EUROPT. This partnership has contributed to a very vivid scientific exchange in different fields of optimization theory and related areas of Operational Research between the Pacific region and Europe. What is more, scientists from both regions mutually participated at OR conferences of all formats and served as session and stream organizers. Especially, through EURO 2006 in Reykjavik, Iceland, this intensified a lot - in the year, when one of the founders of POP, the late Prof. Alexander Rubinov, became awared the EUROPT Fellow 2006, the first Fellow in the history of EUROPT.

With Prof. Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber's participation at ICOTA 8 and of his visit of Fudan University, this POP-EUROPT friendship became celebrated. In fact, at both occasions he informed about important forthcoming activities of EURO, EUROPT and some other EURO working groups, with a special emphasis on EURO XXV 2012, Vilnius, Lithuania, July 8-11, 2012 (<u>http://www.euro-2012.lt/welcome</u>), and about IFORS 2011, Melbourne, Australia, July 10-15, 2011,

(http://www.ifors2011.org/), including also the IFORS Price for OR in Development.

To both events, to active participation in their preparation, and to long-term fruitful collaborations he cordially invited the friends from Asia, from Europe and from all over the world, in Shanghai, China.

The second author, Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber, expresses his sincere gratitude to EURO, The Association of European OR Societies, for supporting his travel to Shanghai, and to Fudan University for kind hospitality.

Some pictures from ICOTA kindly offered by Prof. G.-W. Weber.









Editor's personal comments

Dear members of EUROPT, dear readers. This issue of the EUROPT Newsletter is prepared by the new Managing Board of EUROPT introduced in the beginning of this Newsletter, and by the Editorial Board that now consists of

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I wish the new team fruitful cooperation and successes.

I would like to say here thanks to all members of the previous Editorial Board. My special words of gratitude go to my colleague and friend Domingos Cardoso who during last two years was the Editor of the Newsletter. During all this time he carefully selected the materials for publication in Newsletter, invited authors for Short Notes on teaching and research activities, took care of regularity of the Newsletter editions, and himself wrote articles for the Newsletter. I hope that Domingos will continue to collaborate with the EUROPT Newsletter. I am also very grateful to Basak Akteke Ozturk which for years has been our web administrator and has provided technical support of the EUROPT site and Newsletter.

The previous Editorial Board tried to turn Newsletter to be not only informative issue, but also a virtual place where EUROPT members get together, exchange their news, share interests and collaborate.

In the quality of the actual Newsletter Editor, I am going to continue this principal line in future. The format of the Newsletter will continue to be the same, but it will depend also on the information received and on your suggestions and comments. The regularity of the Newsletter will be 4 times a year, so we will have one issue for each season.

The next, Spring issue of the Newsletter will be issued in April-May, so please send us the information that will be still actual this time. I look forward your contributions.

Finally, I am grateful to all EUROPT members who participated in preparation of this Newsletter; and send my greetings and best wishes to all members of the new Managing Board headed by the Chair Kaisa Miettinen who took a special care of this issue.

On behalf of the Editor of EUROPT Newsletter,

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