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Words from the Chair

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the EUROPT Managing Board let me welcome you to the 39th EUROPT Newsletter.

Some important changes to our media have been introduced recently. EURO provides means of holding webpages of EURO working groups on the main portal and tries to make these webpages more homogeneous. This required from us to transform our webpage to the new system, but hopefully this will make us more visible to the operations research community. Please visit the new EUROPT webpage <https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization/>. If you have any ideas on how to improve the new webpage, please let us know. On the same occasion we transformed the mailing list as well. You may send announcements of general interest to EUROPT community to euopt-announce@lists.strath.ac.uk. Please find more detail information about the new webpage and mailing list in this Newsletter.

It was a pleasure to meet many of you during our recent EUROPT Workshop in Montréal, Canada. This was our first EUROPT workshop in the Americas, held just before IFORS Conference in Quebec city. Let me remind that this was not the first workshop outside Europe. EUROPT Workshop 2011 was held in Ballarat, Australia, just before IFORS Conference in Melbourne. EURO Conference is not organized the year triennial IFORS Conference is held, so this is when we can make our geography broader. EUROPT was also taken an active part in organizing the first Joint ORSC/EURO International Conference 2015 on Continuous Optimization in Shanghai, China. We might return to Asia in three years when IFORS Conference will be held in South Korea. Please find the report of EUROPT Workshop 2017 and some impressions of participants in this Newsletter.

During the EUROPT Workshop 2017 prof. Miguel F. Anjos was awarded EUROPT Fellow 2017. Let me congratulate him once again and I hope all of you will join me in this. Please find the laudatio to Miguel F. Anjos in this Newsletter. Please also find the call for nominations for EUROPT Fellow 2018. Nominations must include a nomination letter of no more than two pages and a short CV of the candidate. The nomination material must be sent in electronic form to julius.zilinskas@mii.vu.lt by January 31, 2018.

The next EURO Conference will be held in Valencia, Spain. The EUROPT Workshop will be held immediately after the EURO Conference, 12-13 July 2018 in Almeria, Spain. A shuttle service between Valencia and Almeria will be available. Please find the announcement of the Workshop in this Newsletter and save the dates to your calendar. I hope to see many of you again in sunny Andalusia.

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New EUROPT website and mailing list

A new EUROPT website

<https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization>
is now available.

Registering to the new website is very easy. There are two ways:

1. visit the website at <https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization>, move the cursor above “About” and click “Become a member” (a webform to fill will appear)



2. go directly to the webform at <https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization/register/>

All the members of EUROPT now have the possibility to directly inform the research community about events, journal calls, available positions, etc., by sending their message to the address europt-announce@lists.strath.ac.uk

The mailing list should be used only for announcements of general interest. The list is moderated by the EUROPT Managing Board, and messages that are not considered “announcements of general interest” will be rejected.

Laudatio for Miguel F. Anjos, EUROPT fellow 2017



Miguel F. Anjos
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EUROPT fellow 2017

Miguel F. Anjos is Full Professor in the Department of Mathematics and Industrial Engineering of Polytechnique Montréal and holds the NSERC-Hydro-Québec-Schneider Electric Senior Industrial Research Chair on Optimization for Smart Grids.

M. Anjos is an outstanding researcher in conic optimization. His research is concerned with improving models and algorithms of conic optimization and application of them to solve hard engineering problems, including energy problems like smart grids and facility layout problems. M. Anjos builds bridges between continuous and discrete optimization as well as between theory and practice by applying theoretically based continuous optimization methods to solve engineering problems of a combinatorial nature.

The scientific contributions of M. Anjos are recognized by multiple awards and recognitions including a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for significant contributions to mathematical optimization and its industrial applications, Canadian Research Chair, Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers. He was giving over 60 invited presentations at scientific conferences and around 90 invited presentations at various institutions.

The administrative contributions of M. Anjos to the continuous optimization community are really outstanding. He is the editor in chief of *Optimization and Engineering* and a member of editorial boards of 5 internationally recognized scientific journals, he was also guest editing special issues. He was a member of organizing and programming committees of many conferences on optimization and its applications.

The contributions of M. Anjos are not only for optimization community in general, but also in particular to EUROPT. He was a member of organizing committee of EUROPT2010, a member of programme committee of EUROPT2011, a chair of the programme committee and a member of organizing committee of EUROPT2017. He was also organizing and chairing sessions at EUROPT Workshops and EURO Conferences.

For his outstanding research and administrative contributions M. Anjos is an excellent choice for EUROPT Fellow 2017.

EUROPT fellow 2018 - call for nominations

EUROPT honors outstanding researchers in continuous optimization by awarding the EUROPT Fellowship. The Fellowship is presented to the awarded researcher annually, at the EUROPT Workshop. The Fellow is invited to present the EUROPT Fellow Lecture as a plenary talk at the Workshop.

Each EUROPT member is eligible to nominate candidates for the Fellowship. The nomination must include a nomination letter of no more than two pages and a short CV of the candidate. The nomination material must be sent in electronic form to the current Chair of the EUROPT Managing Board no later than January 31 in the year when the Fellowship will be awarded.

The EUROPT Managing Board serves as selection committee. Based on the nominations and the resulting votes, the selection committee chooses the EUROPT Fellow.

To be nominated as EUROPT Fellow, a researcher must satisfy one or both of the following criteria:

1. Outstanding scientific contributions to continuous optimization, such as original theoretical results, innovative applications, and/or successful software development.
2. Outstanding administrative contributions to the continuous optimization community, in particular to EUROPT, such as organizing conferences, special issues, and serving at editorial boards of international scientific journals.

Members of EUROPT Managing Boards as well as honorary chairs are not eligible to be nominated.

The photo gallery of all previous EUROPT Fellows is presented at the EUROPT web page <https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization/europt-fellows/> .

Please send your nominations to julius.zilinskas@mii.vu.lt by January 31, 2018.

EUROPT Workshops

Report on EUROPT 2017

15th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization

Montréal, QC, Canada, July 12-14, 2017



The 15th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization was hosted by the Group for Research in Decision Analysis (GERAD) research center. The Workshop lasted 2 1/2 days, from the morning of 12 July to 12 noon on 14 July.

This Workshop continued the established tradition of EUROPT workshops, beginning in 2000 when it was held in Budapest, and continued through workshops in Rotterdam (2001), Istanbul (2003), Rhodes (2004), Reykjavik (2006), Prague (2007), Remagen (2009), Aveiro (2010), Ballarat (2011), Šiauliai (2012), Florence (2013), Perpignan (2014), Edinburgh (2015), and Warsaw (2016). While the Ballarat workshop was the first to be held outside Europe, this 15th workshop was the first to take place in North America.

The EUROPT workshops are held under the auspices of the EURO Working Group on Continuous Optimization (EUROPT), typically as a satellite meeting of the EURO or IFORS conferences. This 15th edition was a satellite meeting of the IFORS-CORS joint international meeting that took place in Quebec City during the subsequent week.

Scientific program

The scientific program consisted of 3 plenary presentations, the EUROPT Fellow Lecture (see below), and an additional 203 presentations organized in 7 parallel sessions.

The plenary presentations were given by the following leading researchers in their fields:

- Francisco Facchinei (U. Rome La Sapienza, Italy): *Asynchronous parallel algorithms for the minimization of nonsmooth, nonconvex functions.*
- Timothy C.Y. Chan (U. Toronto, Canada): *Inverse optimization: closed-form solutions, geometry, and goodness of fit.*
- Shabbir Ahmed (Georgia Inst. Tech., USA): *Approximations of Chance Constraints.*

The program further included special sessions in memory of three exceptional figures of the optimization community who passed away in 2016:

- Jonathan M. Borwein
- Roger Fletcher, and
- Christodoulos A. Floudas.

Special thanks to Henry Wolkowicz, Sven Leyffer, and Ruth Misener for respectively organizing these sessions, and for saying a few words during the pre-banquet apéro about these influential colleagues who are greatly missed.

There was also a group of sessions by students and collaborators of Professor Emeritus NasirUddin Ahmed of the University of Ottawa, organized by K. L. Teo, D. Kvasov, and J. Žilinskas.

The bulk of the program was shaped by the hard work of the members of the Program Committee who organized many sessions on various aspects of optimization and its applications. This committee was chaired by M.F. Anjos (Poly. Montreal, Canada), and its other members were: Immanuel Bomze (U. Vienna, Austria), Hande Benson (Drexel U., USA), Giancarlo Bigi (U. Pisa, Italy), Luce Brotcorne (Inria, France), Sonia Cafieri (ENAC, France), Erick Delage (HEC Montreal, Canada), Gabriele Eichfelder (TU Ilmenau, Germany), Jacek Gondzio (U. Edinburgh, UK), Serge Gratton (CERFACS, France), Andreas Grothey (Edinburgh, UK), Warren Hare (UBC, Canada), Tim Hoheisel (McGill U., Canada), Dmitri Kvasov (U. Calabria, Italy), Simon Lacoste-Julien (U. Montreal, Canada), Sven Leyffer (Argonne, USA), Patrice Marcotte (U. Montreal, Canada), Edmondo Minisci (U. Strathclyde, UK), Ruth Misener (Imperial College, UK), Włodzimierz Ogryczak (Warsaw U. Tech., Poland), Dominique Orban (Poly. Montreal, Canada), Laura Palagi (U. Roma Sapienza, Italy), Francesco Rinaldi (U. Padova, Italy), Fabio Schoen (U. Firenze, Italy), Tatiana Tchemisova (U. Aveiro, Portugal), Tamas Terlaky (Lehigh U., USA), Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (METU, Turkey), Henry Wolkowicz (U. Waterloo, Canada), and Julius Žilinskas (Vilnius U., Lithuania).

Thank you!

Geographical Distribution of the Participants

The Workshop was attended by 252 researchers from 29 countries representing all 5 continents.

The specific geographical distribution, according to the participants' affiliation, was as follows:

Canada	102	Belgium	4	Israel	1
USA	36	UK	4	Japan	1
Italy	17	Portugal	3	Lithuania	1
Brazil	14	Netherlands	2	Mexico	1
France	14	Oman	2	Morocco	1
Germany	12	South Africa	2	Russia	1
Austria	7	Turkey	2	Singapore	1
Spain	7	Hong Kong	1	Slovenia	1
Australia	6	Inde	1	State of Palestine	1
China	6	Iran	1		

The 2017 EUROPT Fellow Lecture

The title of EUROPT Fellow is awarded each year to an outstanding researcher in the field. The award is made by the EUROPT Managing Board based on the nominations received from the members of EUROPT.

The 2017 awardee of a EUROPT Fellowship was announced during the Workshop. It was Professor Miguel F. Anjos, from Polytechnique Montreal, who received this honor. Professor Anjos gave the EUROPT Fellow Lecture as a plenary talk.



Miguel Anjos (left) receives the EUROPT Fellow Plate
from EUROPT Chair Julius Žilinskas (right)

The full list of the EUROPT Fellows is at http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr/h_fellow.html.

Social program

The social program of the workshop included a cocktail on the evening of the first day, and an apéro (or reception) followed by the banquet on the evening of the second day. The lunches and coffee breaks also provided ample opportunity for informal discussions and exchange of ideas.



Local Organization

We deeply thank Marie Perreault and Marilynne Lavoie of the GERAD for their hard work in taking care of all the details, large and small, that ensured the smooth running of the workshop.

During the workshop proper, several students of Polytechnique Montreal helped in manifold ways. They are Mathilde K. Bourque, Émilie Chénier, Nadir Amaïoua, Michael Dutra, Joseph Dzahini, and Vilmar de Sousa.

Thank you!

Sponsors

The scientific and social programs of the workshop would not have been possible without the generous support of the sponsors of the workshop, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to them:

- EUROPT,
- the Canada Excellence Research Chair on Data Science for Real-Time Decision-Making,
- the Department of Mathematics and Industrial Engineering of Polytechnique Montréal,
- the Montréal Section of the Canadian Operational Research Society,
- and last but not least, the multi-university research center GERAD.

Special Issue of INFOR

As this was the first EUROPT workshop held in the Americas, and to mark the occasion, INFOR, the journal of the Canadian Operational Research Society, will publish a special issue on the topic of “Continuous Optimization and Applications in Machine Learning and Data Analytics”.

INFOR is published by Taylor & Francis and is included in the ISI Web of Science (now Clarivate Analytics).

This special issue will be edited by Miguel F. Anjos, Fabian Bastin, Sébastien Le Digabel, and Andrea Lodi. All submissions will be peer-reviewed to the usual standard of INFOR.

The deadline for full paper submission is 31 January 2018, and the target date for publication is December 2018.

EUROPT 2018 Workshop

The EUROPT 2018 Workshop will take place in Almería, Spain, on 12 & 13 July 2018.

It will be hosted by the Supercomputing-Algorithms Group of the University of Almería, as a satellite meeting of EURO XXIX that will be held on 8-11 July 2018 in Valencia, Spain.

The local committee is composed of L. González Casado, P. Martínez Ortigosa, J. López Redondo, and E. Martí Garzón of the University of Almería, and Eligius Hendrix and Inmaculada García of the University of Málaga.

We look forward to it!

The organizers of EUROPT 2017,

M.F. Anjos, F. Bastin, S. Le Digabel, and A. Lodi

Montreal, 29 September 2017

EUROPT 2017: Celebrating Continuous Optimization in Montréal

This workshop EUROPT 2017 (<https://www.gerad.ca/colloques/europt2017/>) was the 15th annual event of EUROPT, the continuous optimization working group of EURO (<http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr>). (<https://www.euro-online.org/websites/continuous-optimization/>). It was hosted at HEC of Polytechnique Montréal, Canada. The workshop took place as an “associated event”, just before the IFORS Conference (<http://ifors2017.ca>) that was held in Québec City.

Despite the European nature of EUROPT, the *EURO Working Group on Continuous Optimization*, established in Budapest in the millennium year of 2000, its activities, members and impact go far beyond those of the National Societies members of EURO. Since IFORS 2017 was to take place in July in Québec City, celebrating the annual event of EUROPT in Canada around these dates seemed to be a great idea, as it was! Our friends Prof. Dr. Miguel Anjos and Prof. Dr. Sébastien Le Digabel (Polytechnique, Montréal) made an impressive job chairing the program and organizing committees of this 15th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization, Montréal, Canada, July 12-14.

This was an excellently organized Workshop - with nearly 300 participants a small Conference almost, and very much enjoyed by participants from all over the world. In fact, we were so glad about this success, made so many new and close friends. Let us mention that a remarkable number of participants came from the Pacific region, as friends and members of POP, the Pacific Optimization Research Activity Group (<https://apps-bschool.nus.edu.sg/asp/pop/>), EUROPT’s partner group in the Far East. Moreover, as this was the **first** EUROPT workshop **in the Americas**, many friends from North America and South America took part.

This workshop (according to participants’ and talks’ numbers, we should better call it Conference indeed), was a success in terms of the scientific quality of the *Plenary Talks*, given by Prof. Dr. Shabbir Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Timothy C.Y. Chan and Prof. Dr. Francisco Facchinei, the EUROPT Fellow plenary talk - the EUROPT Fellow is chosen annually by the EUROPT Managing Board based on the nominations received from the members of EUROPT, and in 2017 was awarded by Prof. Dr. Miguel Anjos; the “traditional” talk on the “History of EUROPT” was conveyed to the participants, too. The *regular talks*, many of them organized in *Invited Streams* and *Sessions*, covered a variety of timely topics, methodological advances and new industrial applications as well. In fact, the scientific program, <https://symposia.gerad.ca/europt2017/en/schedule>, evidences how dynamic the field of *Continuous Optimization* is, and how active EUROPT is.

We all learnt a lot!

The workshop agenda also reserved some space for special sessions in memory of three brilliant and unforgettable colleagues who passed away: *Prof. Dr. Jonathan M. Borwein*, *Prof. Dr. Roger Fletcher* and *Prof. Dr. Christodoulos A. Floudas*. They were, through the talks of their coauthors and colleagues, present in the workshop, as they will remain in our

heart.

To our best, we took care of the participants and we spread a cordial welcome “to us at EURO” and to EURO conferences, to attending and getting actively involved in our events. The forthcoming **EURO 2018** Conference will take place in Valencia, Spain, July 8-11 (<http://euro2018valencia.com/>). **EUROPT 2018** Workshop will be (optimally) located nearby, in Almería, Spain, situated in the Southeast of Spain on the Mediterranean Sea, at the days 12 and 13 of July 2018.

We are sure you all will find sufficiently many attractions, scientific and more, to join us and enjoy! Certainly, it will be another remarkable and exciting event within of our scientific communities of EURO and IFORS!

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16th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization

Almería, Spain, July 12-13, 2018

<http://www2.ual.es/EurOPT18/>



Following the 29th European Conference on Operational Research (EURO 2018, Valencia, Spain, July 8 to 11), the 16th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization (EUROPT 2018) will take place in Almería, Spain, in the Mediterranean coast. Please add these dates to your agenda!

Scope

The scope of the EUROPT 2018 includes, but is not restricted to, the following areas (listed alphabetically):

- Applications of mathematical optimization to the real world
- Conic and semidefinite optimization
- Convex optimization
- Complementarity and variational problems
- Complexity and efficiency of optimization algorithms
- Derivative-free optimization
- Global optimization
- Huge-scale optimization
- Implementation of optimization algorithms
- Linear and nonlinear continuous local optimization
- Mixed integer nonlinear optimization
- Multi-objective optimization
- Non-smooth optimization
- Optimal control
- Robust optimization
- Semi-infinite programming
- Simulation-based optimization
- Stochastic optimization

Venue

- Almería International Airport is connected to various Spanish and European destinations by regular and charter flights
- Málaga International Airport offers many additional flight options
- For EURO 2018 participants, a shuttle service between Valencia and Almería will be available the 11 th of July

Committee Chairs

- Emilio Carrizosa, Universidad de Sevilla (Program Committee, Chair)
- Leo G. Casado, Universidad de Almería (Organizing Committee, Chair)
- Pilar M. Ortigosa, Universidad de Almería (Organizing Committee, Chair)

Call for Sessions

Researchers interested in organizing a 3-talk session are invited to contact the Program Chair, ecarrizosa@us.es before the 18th of December

More information

will follow soon. You may follow us on twitter, [@EUROPT2018](https://twitter.com/EUROPT2018) and check our web site regularly, <http://www2.ual.es/EurOPT18/>

Forthcoming Events

WGSCO2018: **Extended deadline** for submissions

WGSCO2018 - “Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization”

Aveiro, Portugal, January 25-27, 2018

<http://wgsc02018.web.ua.pt>

The organizing committee of WGSCO2018, “Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization”, is pleased to inform that the deadline of the abstract submissions for the Workshop has been extended to **October 7, 2017**.

Venue: Department of Mathematics, University of Aveiro, Portugal.

Aim and Scope: The aim of WGSCO2018 is to bring together academic specialists and promote broad exchange of information and new developments in Spectral Graph Theory, Combinatorics and Optimization, and other related areas. During the Workshop we will commemorate the 65th birthday of Domingos M. Cardoso, who is a prominent Professor of the University of Aveiro.

Format of the Workshop: The scientific program of the Workshop consists of Plenary talks by the Invited Speakers and 20-minute contributed talks. We kindly invite you to contribute to the scientific program of the Workshop by submitting an abstract or a Special Session and participating in the Workshop. All abstracts will be refereed by the members of the International Scientific Committee. The abstracts will be published electronically in the Book of Abstracts.

The topics of the Workshop: Algebraic Combinatorics, Algebraic Graph Theory, Algorithms and Computing Techniques, Combinatorial Optimization, Communications and Control Theory, Enumerative Combinatorics, Extremal Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Optimization in Graphs, Graph Spectra and applications, Linear Optimization, Networks, Nonlinear Optimization.

Invited Speakers: *Jerzy Szymański*, University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poland;

Jorge Orestes, New University of Lisbon, Portugal; *Nair Abreu*, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brasil;

Peter Rowlinson, University of Stirling, Scotland, UK; *Richard Brualdi*, University of Wisconsin, USA;

Slobodan Simić, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts; *Tamás Terlaky*, Lehigh University, USA; *Vadim Lozin*,

University of Warwick, UK; *Willem Haemers*, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.

Special Issues: The participants of the Workshop have the opportunity to submit their full papers to two special issues dedicated to the Workshop: Special issue of **DAM** and Special issue of **Optimization**. Submitted papers will be considered as potential full-paper publications in this **Special Issues** subject to peer reviews, and should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All submissions will be refereed with the same standards as leading international journals. The main criteria for acceptance are the quality and originality of the contribution.

The deadline for the submission of the full-length papers is **May 31, 2018**.

Contacts: CIDMA-wgsc02018@ua.pt

Important Dates

Abstract Submission and Special Session Proposals: ~~September 30~~ **October 7, 2017**

Notification of Acceptance: October 15, 2017

Early-Bird Registration: October 30, 2017

Later Registration: January 05, 2018

Conference: January 25-27, 2018

All information at the workshop website: <http://wgsc02018.web.ua.pt>

Special Session Proposals are very welcome! Looking forward to meeting you in Aveiro!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Co-chairs: Paula Carvalho, Sofia Pinheiro, Tatiana Tchemisova

Reports

Report on MME 2017

Celebrating Operational Research as Market Place and Key-Technology in Workshop on Engineering and Mathematics

The aim of the workshop Mathematical Methods in Engineering (MME 2017), April 27-29, 2017 (<http://mme2017.cankaya.edu.tr/>), was to bring together scientists and engineers to present and discuss some recent developments in the area of Mathematical Methods in Engineering. This workshop was designed to maximize the involvement of all participants and to present the state-of-the-art research and the latest achievements. From the perspective of Operational Research, among the main topics, there were *Emergent Mathematics-Supported Data Mining and Prediction Tools*, *Dynamics of Complex Systems*, *Fuzzy Sets and Systems*, *Image and Signal Analysis*, *Planning and Scheduling Modelling*, *Stochastic Hybrid Systems and Stochastic Optimal Control*, and *Vibration and Control*.

At MME 2017, Willi was a member on International Scientific Committee and stream co-organizer and chair of a session, gave a “keynote lecture within stream” and was coauthor of six further OR-related presentations, on subjects from Analytics, Finance, Electricity Markets, Economics, Computational Biology, Bioinformatics and Medicine.

The organizers of MME 2017 agreed to kindly spread the word about IFORS 2017 in Québec City, Canada (<http://ifors2017.ca/>), and EURO 2018 in Valencia, Spain (<http://euro2018valencia.com/>), to all the participants as “Conference Announcements for OR Community”.

MME 2017 served excellently to recall and plant Operational Research in minds and hearts as our rising Market Place and Key Technology for a lively learning and discourse in finding best and sustainable solutions of building our modern Economies and modern Societies for the world of tomorrow.

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Report on IFORS 2017

IFORS 2017: Celebrating OR in Québec!

The 21th International Federation of Operations Research Societies (IFORS) Triennial Conference (<http://ifors2017.ca/>) with its theme: “OR Analytics for a Better World” was successfully held at Québec City, Canada, last July 15-21, 2017. It was a remarkable and, in fact, “spectacular” gathering of more than 1600 researchers, presenters and participants from 165 countries all over the world. It was again “a big conference”: with ca.1300 accepted abstracts covered by registration out of almost even more abstracts submitted. This number was distributed to 360 different sessions among which are, e.g., applications of OR in Education, Health, History, Ethics, Data Science and Analytics, Performance Measurement, Financial Modeling, Optimization, and Supply Chain Management.

The conference elaborated a large number of topics, represented within Main Areas which were not so much different from those of past EURO conferences; they were vividly discussed and represented in the different Streams. Jointly celebrated sessions on *Marketplace Design* by Prof. Dr. Alvin Roth, *Disjunctive Programming as a Tool to Convexity/Convex Sets* by Prof. Dr. Egon Balas, *Bilevel Programming, Pricing Problems and Stackelberg Games* by Prof. Dr. Martine Labbé, and *OR Practice Matters* by Prof. Dr. Andres Weintraub, were placed as Plenary Speakers’ highlights of the event, aside from the Keynote Speakers’ contributions: *Key Performance Indicators and their Optimal Performance* by Prof. Dr. Dave Stanford, *Stochastic Optimization with Particles and Markov Chains* by Prof. Dr. John Birge, *Preference Learning through Robust Ordinal Regression* by Prof. Dr. Roman Slowinski, *Computational Aspects in Second Order Methods for Large Scale Optimization* by Prof. Dr. Stefania Bellavia, *Get Packing! Key Concepts and Future Directions in Cutting and Packing Problems* by Prof. Dr. Julia Bennell, *Theomperical Research in OR/IE/OM: A Theory and Data-Based Journey through Service Systems* by Prof. Dr. Avishai Mandelbaum, *Decision Analysis to Improve Homeland Security* by Prof. Dr. Detlof von Winterfeldt, *Incremental Methods for Additive Convex Cost Optimization* by Prof. Dr. Azuman Ozdaglar, *Operations Research and Behavioral Economics* by Prof. Dr. Ulrike Leopold Wildburger, and *Value Chain Modeling and Optimization in the Forest Sector* by Prof. Dr. Sophie D’Amours. The plenary and keynote sessions were very much attended and appreciated by the participants.

IFORS according to its president, Prof. Dr. Michael Trick, is “a society of societies” bringing together national organizations of fifty countries to advance Operational Research. It is an avenue where Operational Researchers all over the world come together to exchange ideas, advance knowledge and make friendships. It is a magnificent example of discovering new horizons, sharing of knowledge, experiences and expertise of people from different backgrounds and cultures coming together as one.

The Program Committee (PC) and the Organizing Committee (OC), at the side of their teams and the many Stream and Session organizers collaborated with OR friends from all over the world for better session organizing. This also served as a training ground for future session chairs and organizers. Furthermore, their and our all devotion to work with others especially with the OR practitioners was deeply appreciated by old and new acquaintances, taking into consideration the support and encouragement which were extended to them. This is because

everyone engaging in Operations Research hopes that through the findings of the different researches, the noble goal of “making the world a better and safer place to live in” could be achieved.

According to the feedback of many participants, it was a “best conference they attended” and an “unforgettable event”. Indeed, it was one of the very successful IFORS conferences so far, with an excellent and lovely organization led by OC Chair, Prof. Dr. Irene Abi-Zeid at the side of Prof. Dr. Bernard Gendron, Dr. Michael Morin and Prof. Dr. Angel Ruiz, and PC Chair Prof. M. Grazia Speranza with her team, in the charming ambience of a beautiful, yet not very big city having a mild character and (to American standards) old history. In fact, Québec City is the capital of the province of Québec, Canada, French-speaking and with a unique “Old France” charm - the participants enjoyed it so much.

Some more words by one of us, from an active participant’s perspective. In fact, the recent conference was the second IFORS Conference attended by Mila (Prof. Milagros R. Baldemor) of the Philippines. She actively participated in other international conferences held in different countries. She was one of the session organizers and was given the chance to present two research papers under the sessions - OR for Development and Developing Countries and OR in Education, History and Ethics. She deeply appreciated the organization of the conference and how the papers were categorized and distributed in the different sessions, and not to forget the cooperation and accommodation of the service team. The conference sponsors and exhibitors, according to her, opened an avenue for authors to publish their papers in well-known refereed journals. She added that the plenary and keynote speakers were excellent in delivering their lectures in their fields of specialization. What she appreciated most was the plenary talk of Prof. Andres Weintraub of Chile on “OR Practice Matters” which covered the various applications of Operations Research in different fields where he intelligently discussed how OR contributed to the solutions of problems encountered and how it was used to ease scheduling of games, etc. Moreover, the session she enjoyed participating in was that on OR for Development and Developing Countries, for it included researches on the different problems of developing countries like the Philippines, and how they could be solved using OR - special mention on traffic congestion and applications of OR in finance. Québec City, Canada, was for her, a perfect venue for the IFORS conference. Aside from knowing its history from the tour around Old Quebec, it gave the conference participants and tourists a glimpse of what Québec was in the past - its scenic spots, and historical places. Tourist attractions were amazingly beautiful and the hospitality of the people was exceptional.

With the excellent Plenary and Keynote Lectures, and with the 2017 “IFORS prize for OR in development”, with many invited and contributed talks, and an attractive social program, IFORS 2017 has been perceived by many participants as an unforgettable event - a “legendary” one, as one participant already wrote. Many participants from Europe and from all over the world, including far countries like Japan, Brazil, China, India, Taiwan, Korea, the Philippines and Australia, contributed richly to the scientific program and to a special atmosphere. In the line of our IFORS conferences, IFORS 2017 was an important milestone, with various improvements in program, in organization and in service. The friends continue to prepare valuable conferences by IFORS and if various regional groupings (<http://ifors.org/regional-groupings/>) and their member societies, such as IFORS Conferences and EURO Conferences - among them EURO 2018 in Valencia, Spain (<http://euro2018valencia.com/>), EURO 2019 in Dublin, Ireland

(<https://www.euro2019dublin.com/>) , IFORS 2020 in Seoul, Korea, and the many precious further ones! - with enthusiastic, well-motivated and well-introduced stream and session organizers at our side from IFORS 2017 and from earlier EURO conferences as well - and many new friends will join us in these enterprises and future endeavors.

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Report on ICORD 2017

OR: Impacting Development at Celebrated ICORD 2017, Québec City, Canada

OR: Impacting Development was the theme of the International Conference on Operational Research for Development 2017 (ICORD2017; <http://ifors.org/icord2017/>) which was successfully held at the Université Laval, Québec, Canada, at July 13-14, 2017, in conjunction with our IFORS 2017 (<http://ifors2017.ca>). The event was sponsored by IFORS (the International Federation of Operational Research Societies) in cooperation with CIRRELT as well as the EURO Working Group on OR for Development (EWG ORD; <https://www.euro-online.org/web/ewg/29/ewg-ord-euro-working-group-on-operations-research-for-development>). The series of “International Conference on OR for Development” (ICORD) aims to bring together researchers from around the world to present and discuss models and methods to overcome issues faced by developing countries. Eleven ICORDs have taken place since 1992 in countries across Asia, South America, Africa and Europe (<http://ifors.org/icord-history/>), with the last one held in Mexico City in 2016. In the previous seven years as in this year, EURO Working Group on OR for Development has been a co-organizer of the ICORD. Now, with this 12th ICORD conference, we can gratefully look back and truly speak of a very fruitful relation between IFORS and EURO with regard to their OR efforts for the developing countries.

The Organizing Committee of ICORD 2017 consisted of Dr. Elise Del Rosario (Chief Finance Officer, One Small Step Forward Foundation, Inc. Eastwood Cyberpark, Bagumbayan, Quezon City, Philippines; Chair of EWG ORD) to whom we extend our special thanks, Dr. Sue Merchant (Consultant, Blue Link Consulting, Princes Risborough, Bucks, UK), Associate Professor Luciana Buriol (UFRGS - Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil), Professeur Titulaire Yan Cimon (CIRRELT, FSA ULaval, Canada) and Professor Gerhard-Wilhelm Weber (Institute of Applied Mathematics (IAM) of METU, Ankara, Turkey). They express their deep appreciation to the aforementioned sponsors, for their various supports and their remarkable words of encouragement.

In fact, Interuniversity Research Centre on Enterprise Networks, Logistics and Transportation (CIRRELT) was very honored to welcome ICORD 2017, as expressed by the hosts from CIRRELT’s side (both Director and Codirector), Prof. Dr. Yan Cimon (Université Laval) and Prof. Dr. Martin Trépanier (Polytechnique Montréal), respectively. By providing an opportunity for people to present their work and receive immediate feedback and discussion, both Prof. Dr. Michael Trick (President of IFORS) and Dr. Sue Merchant (Chair of IFORS Developing Countries Committee) hoped that new insights and directions will form, advancing the field and the participants’ careers, and they were glad about the conference success. Prof. Dr. Kenneth Sörensen (Vice President 2 of EURO) stated beforehand that EURO is proud to support the ICORD conference through the EWG ORD - The EURO Working Group OR for Development. His personal curiosity to see the innovative ways in which OR can help to make the world a better place, means another encouragement for the conference organizers.

The conference was attended by almost 40 participants; among them were 24 paper presenters. The workshop brought together early-stage OR workers addressing issues faced by

developing countries in the field of Health Care, Education, Disaster Prediction, Disaster Response, Traffic Jams, Access to Government Services, Applied Analytics and other problems and OR methodologies.

The Keynote Speaker of ICORD 2017 was

- Calderon Research Associate *Dr. Carlos Gonzalez* (VREF Center of Excellence for Sustainable Urban Freight Systems, Center for Infrastructure, Transportation, and the Environment Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA), who detailed on *The Impacts of Congestion on Supply Chains: Recent Results from an Inter-American Development Bank Initiative*

and the three Keynote Speakers of ICORD 2017 were

- Assistant Professor *Ana Maria Anaya-Arenas* (Management and Technology Department, ESG UQAM, Canada), who gave lively insights into *Using OR Tools to Plan A Fair Distribution Network*,
- Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair *Dr. Leandro C. Coelho* (Canada Research Chair in Integrated Logistics Operations and Decision Systems Department, Faculty of Administration Sciences, Université Laval, Québec, Canada), who gave valuable answers on *Traffic and City: How to Plan for Better Distribution*, and
- Assistant Professor *Marie-Eve Rancourt* (Department of Logistics and Operations Management, HEC Montréal, Canada), who spoke on *Applied OR Research to Support Humanitarian Operations in Developing Countries* with enthusiasm.

Invited talks, contributed talks and workshops on the use of OR were seeking for solutions to problems in developing countries, they delivered proposals, incentives, impulses and so many good words of hope and inspiration. Each contributed presentation was reviewed by two other conference participants; those reviews were disclosed by them and discussed right after the talks.

The conference participants enjoyed an exciting and “buzzling” atmosphere of smartness and mutual sympathy. It was a truly elegant and exciting conference, solemn and at the same time full of energy, of generating new contacts, fresh ideas and a creative momentum! During the social compartments of ICORD 2017, such as a guided city-tour, coffee breaks, lunches, dinners and, in fact, gala dinners, this all became celebrated in friendship.

At ICORD 2017, one of us, Willi, conveyed a scientific presentation entitled *Snow Cover Mapping from Satellite Data by Artificial Neural Networks and Support Vector Machines - an OR Contribution to Land-Use, Water Management and Development*, and cordially invited the participants to both EURO 2018 (<http://euro2018valencia.com/>) and EURO 2019 (<https://www.euro2019dublin.com/>), which will be held in Valencia, Spain and Dublin, Ireland, respectively.

By their approach to the participants, as in all the years before, the organizers motivated them to take over responsibility at the IFORS and EURO conferences, being their “faces”, especially, towards newcomers and outsiders, to a “stewardship”, to further develop and become future “young leaders”, in their WGs and in the wide family. In fact, at ICORD and EWG ORD events, the participants, presenters and conference organizers are like a “family”, sharing

and directing care, cheerfulness and warmth into future EURO and IFORS conferences that we are looking forward to.

Photos: Courtesy by our friend Mr. Jaime (Bing) Del Rosario; cordial thanks to him!



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Special issues

INFOR: Information Systems and Operational Research Call for Papers

Special issue on the occasion of the 15th EUROPT Workshop on
Advances in Continuous Optimization,
July 12-14, 2017, Montréal, Canada

*Continuous Optimization and Applications
in Machine Learning and Data Analytics*

On the occasion of the 15th EUROPT Workshop on Advances in Continuous Optimization, the first edition of this workshop to be held in Canada, INFOR: Information Systems and Operational Research, the journal of the Canadian Operations Research Society, will publish a peer-reviewed special issue entitled “Continuous Optimization and Applications in Machine Learning and Data Analytics”. INFOR is published by Taylor & Francis and is included in the ISI Web of Science (now Clarivate Analytics).

Theory and methods for continuous optimization and their application to practical problems continue to be of great value to practitioners. In particular, recent developments and advances in machine learning and data analytics have motivated new research in continuous optimization. The aim of this special issue is to disseminate some of the best work in this area. We are especially eager to receive submissions based on research presented at the 15th EUROPT Workshop.

We invite papers that address the following topics, individually or in combination:

- Advances of continuous optimization for machine learning and data analytics
- Use of machine learning for the hyperparameters optimization of algorithms
- Hybrid methods in continuous optimization and machine learning
- Linear and nonlinear local optimization
- Large-scale optimization
- Multi-objective optimization
- Mixed integer nonlinear optimization
- Robust optimization
- Derivative-free optimization
- Semi-infinite programming
- Global optimization
- Stochastic optimization
- Complementarity and variational problems
- Conic optimization and semi-definite programming
- Analysis and engineering of optimization algorithms
- Optimal control and dynamic programming
- Optimization in data mining

- Optimization in industry, business and finance
- Applications in machine learning and data analytics
- Convex and non-smooth optimization
- Complexity and efficiency of optimization algorithms

Deadlines

- Deadline for Full Paper Submission: 1/31/2018
- Notification of 1st Review Outcome: 6/30/2018
- Expected Publication:12/31/2018

Only original manuscripts will be considered for publication in this special issue of INFOR. Papers for consideration should be submitted via the Editorial Manager Submission site (<http://www.edmgr.com/tinf/>): Please indicate a special-issue submission when you upload your paper.

All submissions will be refereed according to the usual standards of INFOR. Information about the journal, including author guidelines and other special issues in progress, is available at <http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/tinf20>. Additional information about the special issue can be obtained from the guest editors.

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Optimization A Journal of Mathematical Programming and Operations Research

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue "WGSCO2018 - Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization"

The editors plan to publish a special issue dedicated to the workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization, to be held at the University of Aveiro, Portugal, from January 25 to 27, 2018. The call-for-papers addresses the growing research interest in Spectral Graph Theory, Combinatorics and Optimization, and other related areas.

The journal "Optimization" is abstracted and indexed in: Mathematical Reviews/MathSciNet; Science Citation Index Expanded; Zentralblatt MATH/Mathematics Abstracts and Zetoc. Astrophysics Data System; SciBase; British Library Inside; Cambridge Scientific Abstracts; EBSCO Databases; ISI Current Contents - Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences; New Journal.

Submitted papers will be considered as potential full-paper publications in this special issue subject to peer reviews, and should not have been previously published nor be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. All submissions will be refereed with the same standards as leading international journals. The main criteria for acceptance are the quality and originality of the contribution.

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During the submission procedure authors have to answer the question

'Is the manuscript a candidate for a special issue?' Here one has to tick **'yes'** and then in the box

'If yes, what is the title of the special issue:' one has to write **'WGSCO2018'**.

Then corresponding manuscripts can be quickly identified and assigned to the guest editors (Associate Editors) who are processing these manuscripts.

Important Dates

Submission deadline for papers: March 31, 2018
Tentative date of publication: January – March 2019

Call for Papers

Discrete Applied Mathematics

Special Issue: Graph Spectra, Combinatorics, and Optimization, WGSCO 2018

We are preparing a special issue of the journal *Discrete Applied Mathematics* related to the *Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization (WGSCO 2018)* to be held in Aveiro, Portugal, 25 to 27, 2018. The main objective of the workshop is to encourage the exchange of knowledge and recent achievements, and to establish collaborations among researchers and practitioners working in the areas of graph theory, combinatorics, and optimization, with special attention to graph spectra. During the workshop we will honor our colleague and teacher, Professor Domingos M. Cardoso.

This special issue will be based on contributions presented at the workshop and consist of a selection of substantially extended papers related to its topics: algebraic combinatorics, algebraic graph theory, algorithms and computing techniques, combinatorial optimization, communications and control theory, enumerative combinatorics, extremal combinatorics, graph theory, graph spectra and applications, linear optimization, networks, and nonlinear optimization.

All interested researchers are invited to contribute to this special issue. Contributions arising from papers given at the workshop should cite the conference paper where appropriate. Submissions of contributions not presented at the workshop are also welcome.

All submissions will be thoroughly refereed according to the high standards of *Discrete Applied Mathematics*.

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 related to the **Workshop on Graph Spectra, Combinatorics and Optimization, WGSCO 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 select the article type **SI: WGSCO 2018**.

The deadline for submission is **May 31, 2018**.

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

We are looking forward to receiving your contribution.

The Guest Editors,

Paula Carvalho, Sofia Pinheiro, and Tatiana Tchemisova

**Special issue on *Optimization and Operational Research in Engineering*
for the Journal *Frontiers of Engineering Management***

**At the Occasion of the Joint Optimization Conferences, Perth,
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Description

Frontiers of Engineering Management is a research journal sponsored by the Chinese Academy of Engineering, administered jointly by Tsinghua University and Huazhong University of Science and Technology, and published by Higher Education Press, China. The journal is international in its scope and mission. It is published quarterly in English in both print and online versions. Frontiers of Engineering Management provides a high-quality international platform for academic researchers, industry professionals and other constituent communities in the broad field of engineering management to impart and share the latest research results and knowledge in the form of research articles, reviews, letters and comments.

Frontiers of Engineering Management strives to promote the advancement of the science of engineering management, the improvement of the practice of engineering management, and the preparation of researchers and practitioners to address contemporary and future challenges in engineering management. The topics covered by the journal include general, specialty and cross-disciplinary studies in engineering management, both theoretical and applied, and studies related to engineering management education worldwide.

Aims and scope

Optimization and operational research deal with the applications of advanced mathematical and analytical methods for determining better solutions and decisions to problems. Their importance has been demonstrated in a great variety of applications spanning, e.g., construction, mining, transportation, energy, aerospace, agriculture, logistics and business management. Opportunities of new applications arise benefitted from the developments of novel technologies and approaches which overlap between multi disciplines.

The aim of this special issue is to collect high quality research papers, focusing on the trends and innovations of optimization and operational research on engineering applications. This special issue is devoted to solving practical engineering problems using applied mathematical methods with emphases on optimization and operational research. Mathematical modellings of

engineering problems, e.g., civil and construction, transport and logistics, industrial and manufacturing are welcome. Mathematical methods include, but not limited to, linear programming, nonlinear programming, integer programming, network programming, semi-definite programming, stochastic programming, dynamic programming, optimal control, and meta-heuristic optimization. Of great interests are solving real-world problems through novel mathematical modelling and novel applications. Papers employing existing approaches must demonstrate sufficient novelty in the solution of practical problems.

Submission details

To submit a manuscript, please visit <https://cn.manuscriptcentral.com/fem> and under “Manuscript Type” select **Optimization and Operational Research in Engineering**. All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed in accordance with the established policies and procedures of the journal. Papers will be selected for publication following the outcome of the peer review process and subsequent decisions of the Guest Editors and the Editor-in-Chief.

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: July 1, 2018
- First decision notification: Oct. 1, 2018
- Submission of revised paper: Nov.1, 2018
- Final decision notification: Dec. 1, 2018
- Expected publication date: Dec. 31, 2018 (to be determined by the journal editor)

The Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI)

Operational Research (OR) Partner in Development

The Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI) is a private non-stock and non-profit foundation organized in Manila on December 22, 1951 by nineteen (19) professionals from the government, the business community and the academy who were interested in the production of goods statistics. It was registered and incorporated on September 24, 1952 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It was also registered with the Department of Science and Technology on August 31, 1993 as a foundation for scientific advancement.

It is a private organization of individuals engaged in or have interest in Statistics who reside in a locality of a chapter; institutions, agencies, business enterprises and other organizations interested in the objectives and willing to support the Association; and student organizations in Statistics and allied disciplines may be given accreditation status as an affiliate organization of PSA, if they maintain at least 15 student affiliates. At present, PSAI has approximately 1,400 individual and lifetime members and about 60 institutional members (private and government agencies, educational institutions) from the 18 regions in the entire country.

PSAI envisions to be a nationally and globally recognized society of statisticians and allied professionals committed to advancing the statistics profession and to promoting sound statistical science for the welfare of all Filipinos and the entire humanity. Moreover, its mission are to uplift and advance the statistics; encourage and promote the proper application and interpretation of statistics in all field of learning and endeavors; work for the improvement of statistical literacy and education at all levels; serve the public by providing advice on current statistical issues and concerns. Furthermore, as envisioned by its founders and adhered to by government of members thereafter, it is committed to the following objectives: to foster statistics and its application in the broadest manner; to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with statistical problems; and to increase the contribution of statistics to human welfare.

PSAI has the following regular annual activities: a) Annual Training for Members; b) PSAI Publications - PSAI Newsletter, The Philippine Statistician, PSAI Website; c) Conferences/Workshops/Symposia; d) Monthly Executive Committee Meetings; e) Quarterly Board Meetings; f) Annual Meeting and Christmas Party; and g) Consultancy. It has been a window for operations research in the different fields like Mathematics, Education, Agriculture, Science and Technology, Fisheries, Performance Efficiency of agencies, Micro-financing, Inputs to the rural/agricultural sector, Health and Sanitation, and other related fields.

During the annual trainings and conferences sponsored by PSAI, various Operational Researches for development are presented by about 30% of its members with call for paper presentations posted about six (6) months before the event. These conferences are alternately hosted by the different regions of the country. Awards are also given to deserving PSAI members nominated by the body among which are Gawad Estadistika and best student papers.

This year's annual conference will be held at Sugarland Hotel, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental on September 27-29 with the theme "Statistics in support of the local economy" consistent with the government's plan to support the Local Government Units. The LGUs are the cogs that move the local machinery towards economic efficiency. It will be in partnership with GEODATA Systems Technologies, Inc. To better prepare local development players and stakeholders for bigger roles as envisioned by the government, four (4) simultaneous trainings shall be conducted on the first day on the following topics: a) Small Area Statistics; b) Financial Inclusion in Support of Local Development Initiatives, c) Impact Monitoring and Evaluation for LGUs, and d) Statistics using Geographic Information System (GIS).

In the Philippines, Operational Research (OR) is strong and excellently connected worldwide. A core area of OR in the Philippines is "OR for Development and Developing Countries". Those activities are strongly supported, guided and chaired by **Dr. Elise del Rosario**. An exchange and possible further involvement of PSAI into our OR community in the Philippines and worldwide could mean a great enrichment.

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Editor's notes

Dear members of EUROPT, dear readers,

We are pleased to announce in this issue the new EUROPT website and the new mailing list. You can find on the new website all valuable informations for our community, and you can submit messages directly via the new mail address.

Last months were rich in remarkable events for our community of Continuous Optimization, which contributed to show how dynamic our field is. In this Newsletter we are pleased to report on these events, including the EUROPT 2017 Workshop, that was held in Canada for the first time, following IFORS 2017.

In this issue, you can also find announcements of forthcoming events, including the first Call for sessions for the next EUROPT Workshop in Almería (Spain), as well as announcements of journal special issues and a description of the Philippine Statistical Association.

Many thanks to all contributors.

Please do not hesitate to share informations and announcements. Please do not forget the new email address to be used to submit messages to our mailing list (see the *Contacts* section).

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