IFORS’ 99
The International Federation of Operational Research Societies
15th Triennial Conference
Beijing, P.R. China
Hosted by the Operations Research Society of China
August 16-20, 1999
Invitation

The IFORS 1999 conference will be held in Beijing, P.R. China. Beijing is a historical city which is quickly developing into a modern metropolis, and is well known for its gems of ancient Eastern civilization and its colorful modern activities. The Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palace are some of the many sights for you to see during the conference.

Conference Theme: OR -- Parallel roads to prosperity in the 21st Century

Conference venue and date

The conference will be held on August 16 - 20, 1999 at the Friendship Hotel, one of the largest garden-style hotels in Asia.

Invited papers

Papers will be invited from prominent researchers and practitioners by session organizers. In addition, the national and kindred member societies of IFORS are invited to present National Contributions.

Contributed papers

Authors wishing to contribute papers are requested to submit an abstract of not more than 50 words electronically by WWW, or e-mail, or by fax or normal mail (see further details in the Abstract submission instructions section).

Publications

Abstracts of all papers to be presented at the conference will be published in advance of the conference. Several issues of International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR) Volume 7, have been reserved for publication of papers presented at the conference. Professor Theo Stewart will serve as Guest Editor and arrange reviewing for all submitted articles. Authors are encouraged to prepare full papers for submission to this journal. The deadline for submission is May 31, 1999. A subscription for Volume 7 of ITOR in six issues will be provided to each conference registrant as part of the registration package.

Software and book exhibition

Commercial exhibitors are welcome to display books, journals and computer software related to OR. Potential exhibitors should contact the local organizing committee.

Further information

The Invitation Program will be mailed during the winter of 1998/99 to all who sent an Abstract Submission to the IFORS Secretariat, or sent a request for information to the IFORS 99 Conference Secretariat. The Invitation Program will contain information about plenary speakers, invited sessions as well as tutorials and scientific activities. The Invitation Program will also contain information about accommodation, cost of living, pre and post-conference tours and social activities.

Useful information

All participants should register electronically (by WWW or e-mail) or by using the Registration Form included in the Invitation Program. Responding to this call for papers with an abstract does not constitute registration for the conference.

Spouses' program: various activities, such as sightseeing, shopping trips etc., will be arranged during the conference for accompanying persons.
Pre- and Post-Conference Tours: assistance will be provided in arranging visits to other cities of China, before or after the conference.

IFORS: OR in development prize

IFORS is pleased to continue the tradition of the OR in Development Prize with a first prize of US $1200 and additional prizes of US $1000. Entries in the competition must meet the following criteria:
1. Papers should describe a practical application of OR in a developing country, which was conducted for a specific organization, in which the intention on both sides was to assist the decision-making process.
2. Principal authors and presenters should be nationals of a developing country.
3. Papers should be published in IFORS with at most minor revisions and should describe an application of OR which has original features, whether in methodology, application, or implementation.
4. Papers should include some description of the social context of the application, and the impact of the work on the decision-making process or on the organization in which the work took place. Where appropriate, the relevance of a country's state of development to the conduct of the study should be addressed. An emphasis on developmental issues will be a positive factor.
5. Papers must be submitted by December 31, 1998 directly to the Prize Co-ordinator:

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The Organizing Committee has received a donation of about two million Japanese Yen from the Operations Research Society of Japan (ORSJ) to support the prize finalists by covering their registration fee and part of their travel expenses. This support is based on the project of ORSJ International Cooperative Program for the Promotion of Operations Research (Sponsored by Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd).

Abstract submission instructions

Abstract of all papers (both invited and contributed) should be submitted to the IFORS Secretariat:

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The abstracts should be in English, and should not include any mathematical notation. Each submission must contain all the following:
1. Paper title.
2. Abstract (maximum 50 words).
3. Author(s) name(s), Organization, and full mailing address, with the indication of the presenter.
4. An indication of the topic numbers (at most three) chosen from the Conference Topics List (see below) or suggestions for additional topics.

5. Abstracts fee: An abstract fee of US $100.00 is required for all papers, both invited and contributed, (including National Contributions) and can be paid by either e-mail or ordinary mail. Payment may be made by Visa credit card, or by check payable to "IFORS". The abstract fee, which is non-refundable after December 31, 1998, will be credited towards the presenter's registration fee.

Electronic submission:
The deadline for the electronic submission of abstracts is December 31, 1998. Please follow the instructions in the conference URL:
http://www.ifors.org/leafet/triennial.htm

Mail/Fax submission:
The deadline for the mail/fax submission of abstracts is November 30, 1998. The submissions should be typewritten, must contain items 1-5 above, and should be sent to the IFORS Secretariat.

Notification of acceptance
The date for notification of acceptance is February 15, 1999.

Important dates

November 30, 1998 Deadline for mail/fax abstract submission
December 31, 1998 Deadline for electronic abstract submission and paper submission to OR in Development Prize
February 15, 1999 Notification of acceptance
April 1, 1999 Deadline for early registration
May 31, 1999 Deadline for submission of full papers to IFORS Conference Topics List

1. Aviation Applications
2. Capacity Planning
3. Combinatorial Optimization
4. Counting and Packing
5. Data Envelopment Analysis
6. Decision Modeling and Theory
7. Decision Support Systems
8. Economic Modeling
10. Environmental Modeling
11. Financial Modeling
12. Flexible Manufacturing Systems
13. Forecasting
14. Game Theory
15. Goal Theory
16. Global Manufacturing
17. Global Marketing
18. Global Networking
19. Global Optimization
20. Graph Theory
21. Group Decision Making
22. Health Care Systems
23. Intelligent Transportation Systems
24. Inventory
25. Large Scale Optimization
26. Linear Programming
27. Location
28. Logistics
29. Management Information Systems
30. Materials Requirements Planning
31. Mathematical Programming
32. Military Operations Research
33. Modeling and Simulation
34. Multicriteria Decision Analysis
35. Multicriteria Programming
36. Natural Resource Modeling
37. Network Design
38. Neural Networks
39. Nonlinear Programming
40. OR and AI
41. OR and Internet
42. OR and Naval Sciences
43. OR in Forestry
44. OR in Education
45. ORMS and the Public Sector
46. ORMS and Sport
47. ORMS and Telecommunications
48. Problem Solving Methods
49. Project Management and Scheduling
50. Quality Management
51. Queueing Theory and Applications
52. Research & Development
53. Reliability
54. Risk Analysis
55. Routing
56. Scheduling
57. Search Algorithms
58. Service Operations
59. Software for ORMS Analysis
60. Stochastic Models
61. Strategic Planning
62. Transportation Planning and Policy