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## Words from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Managing Board (MB) of The Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO, I wish to welcome you to the EUROPT Newsletter's Fall 2012 Edition. Since June 2012, EUROPT has a renewed MB that now includes the following members:

- Adil Bagirov, Newsletter Editor (a.bagirov@ballarat.edu.au)
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- Janos D. Pinter, Chair (janos.d.pinter@gmail.com)
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- Oliver Stein, Treasurer (stein@kit.edu)
- Julius Žilinskas, Conference and Event Coordinator (Julius.Zilinskas@mii.vu.lt)

Our MB has been discussing a number of key issues of interest to EUROPT, in order to streamline our activities, and to enhance the overall management of our organization by a board of devoted and busy volunteers. I wish to specifically mention here only the thoroughly revised EUROPT website:

<http://europt.iam.metu.edu.tr/>.

Here you will find useful information and links related to EUROPT. For our most busy readers, I wish to cite here a brief excerpt from the website that describes our main objectives. The goal of EUROPT is to promote and to facilitate communication links among European and other researchers working in areas of continuous optimization.

The main EUROPT objectives are summarized below:

- to disseminate state-of-the-art knowledge and to support research in continuous optimization
- to contribute to the education of young optimization researchers and students (e.g. by organizing EURO Summer and Winter Institutes, and by announcing Ph.D. Programs, etc.)
- to assist in bringing together the continuous optimization community mainly from Europe (as organized under the umbrella of EURO), but also from around the World
- to build and to maintain links with special interest groups inside and outside EURO

- to support the foundation of new EURO Working Groups
- to support the preparation, refereeing and editing of publications
- to establish regular meetings and information channels
- to build links to users of continuous optimization methodology
- to involve academic, research and industrial organizations and users of optimization in the activities listed above
- to initiate interdisciplinary research with colleagues from science, engineering and economy, with continuous optimization being a key technology.

We welcome all constructive comments and suggestions from our Membership. Please feel free to contact any or all of us with your thoughts. Among the forthcoming professional events (some of which are described on subsequent pages of this Newsletter) I wish to bring to your attention two events of particular interest:

**XXVI EURO INFORMS Joint International Conference, July 1-4, 2013, Rome, Italy; Website: <http://euro2013.org>;**

and our closely related satellite event:

**Meeting (Workshop) of the Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO, Florence, Italy, June 26-28, 2013; Website: [www.europt2013.org](http://www.europt2013.org).**

We wish to invite you to attend these events, and look forward to seeing you.

To conclude my notes, I wish to express my thanks to all current and past MB members for their diligent work. A warm thank you note from the current MB is due to several past members of the immediately preceding EUROPT MB: Kaisa Miettinen (Chair), Mirjam Duer (Vice-Chair) and Leonidas Sakalauskas (Secretary). We also wish to thank our friend Gerhard-Wilhelm (Willi) Weber for his ongoing support of our activities, and to our website managers Aysun Tezel and Semih Kuter for their work with us.

Best regards,  
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## Forthcoming Events

**Meeting of the Continuous Optimization Working Group of EURO  
Florence, Italy, June 26-28, 2013,  
[www.europt2013.org/](http://www.europt2013.org/)**

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

We are proud to announce that the next EUROPT meeting will be held in Florence. The workshop will be chaired by Laura Palagi (Sapienza, Universit di Roma) and Fabio Schoen (Universit degli Studi di Firenze). EUROPT 2013 will be a satellite meeting of the joint EURO/INFORMS conference held in Rome July 1-4, 2013, see: [euro2013.org](http://euro2013.org)

### WORKSHOP TOPICS:

The primary objectives of EUROPT are to disseminate state-of-the-art knowledge and to support research in the broad area of continuous optimization. The Workshop will feature a series of invited lectures, together with invited and contributed sessions.

Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Linear and nonlinear optimization
- Large-scale optimization
- Mixed integer nonlinear optimization
- Derivative-free optimization
- Global optimization
- Local nonlinear optimization
- Complementarity and variational problems
- Conic optimization and semidefinite programming
- Complexity and efficiency of optimization algorithms
- Convex and nonsmooth optimization
- Optimal control
- Multiobjective optimization
- Robust optimization
- Semi-infinite programming
- Stochastic optimization
- Optimization in data mining
- Optimization in industry, business and finance
- Analysis and engineering of algorithms
- Software development

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#### LOCATION AND VENUE:

The EUROPT Workshop will be held in Florence (Italy), hosted by the University of Florence. Florence is one of the top destinations for culture, art and tourism, and it is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful cities of the world.

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

Start of registration: February 1st, 2013  
Deadline for Session proposals: January 15th, 2013  
Deadline for Abstract submission: April 30th, 2013  
Abstract acceptance: May 15th, 2013  
Workshop: June 26th - 28th, 2013

#### FURTHER INFORMATION:

Website: [www.europt2013.org](http://www.europt2013.org); Email: [europt2013@gmail.com](mailto:europt2013@gmail.com)

**XXVI EURO - INFORMS Joint International Conference**  
**Rome, ITALY, July 1-4, 2013,**  
<http://euro2013.org>, Email: [euro2013@ega.it](mailto:euro2013@ega.it)

Following the success of previous EURO Conferences, we announce the XXVI EURO - INFORMS Joint International Conference: “All roads lead to OR” which will be held in Rome on July 1-4, 2013. The Program Committee chaired by Marc Sevaux (EURO) and David Simchi Levi (INFORMS) and the Organizing Committee chaired by Paolo Dell’Olmo (AIRO), are preparing a high quality scientific program and an exciting social program for the conference. We are confident that the XXVI EURO - INFORMS Joint International Conference will be an extraordinary opportunity for the OR community to get together again in a unique location, and we are looking forward to meeting you in Rome in 2013. Please visit the Conference website ([www.euro2013.org](http://www.euro2013.org)) for more information.

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2013

Notification of Authors: March 15, 2013

Deadline early registration (and inclusion in the program) - April 15, 2013

Registration and Welcome Cocktail: June 30, 2013

Conference date: July 1-4, 2013.

We invite all researchers, academicians, practitioners, as well as students interested in any branch of Operational Research, Mathematical modeling or economic analysis to participate at the conference and to present their research. Invited and contributed papers will be organized in parallel sessions. No participant can present more than one paper at the conference. Abstract submission and registration are done online, via the conference web page ([www.euro2013.org](http://www.euro2013.org)).

Abstracts: max. 600 characters; submission deadline: March 1, 2013.

Researchers who want to organize a stream (a collection of sessions around one topic) or a session or contribute with a paper within an invited session should contact the PC member of the corresponding area. We invite submissions on - but not limited to the following areas:

- Artificial Intelligence, Fuzzy systems
- Computing
- Continuous Optimization
- Control Theory & System Dynamics
- Data science, Business analytics, Data mining
- Decision Analysis, Decision Support Systems, DEA and Performance Measurement
- Discrete Optimization, Geometry & Graphs
- Emerging applications of OR
- Energy, Environment and Climate
- Financial Modeling, Risk Management, Managerial Accounting
- Game theory, Mathematical Economics
- Location, Logistics, Transportation
- Metaheuristics

- Multiple Criteria Decision Making and Optimization
- OR Education, History, Ethics
- OR for Developing Countries, Humanitarian applications
- OR in Health & Life Sciences
- OR in industry and software for OR
- OR in Natural Resources
- Production Management & Supply Chain Management
- Revenue Management
- Scheduling, Time Tabling & Project Management
- Service systems
- Simulation, Stochastic Programming and Modeling
- Soft OR and Problem Structuring Methods
- Telecommunication, Networks and Social Networks

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- Anna Sciomachen, University of Genova
- Roberto Tadei, University of Torino
- Walter Ukovich, University of Trieste

The following registration fees apply:

- Regular: 350 Euro (early); 470 Euro (late),
- Student: 190 Euro (early); 290 Euro (late),
- Accompanying persons: 80 Euro.

Early registration ends April 15, 2013.

Rome receives more than 7 million tourists a year and since July is high tourist season, to enjoy the conference in the most convenient way, we strongly recommend to book as early as possible:

1. Accommodation in Rome through the Conference webpage
2. Air tickets as early as possible.

The Conference Secretariat has reserved a large number of rooms in a number of hotels in Rome, as close as possible to the conference site (the Campus of Sapienza University of Rome, located in Rome central area). Please keep in mind that in the Conference period Rome is very busy with tourists and being late in booking hotels rooms would be a real problem. For more details, consult the conference site, [www.euro2013.org](http://www.euro2013.org) where all relevant information will be progressively included.

EURO 2013 will be hosted by Sapienza Università di Roma. It is sponsored by the following organizations:

- The Italian Operations Research Society (AIRO),
- The Association of European Operational Research Societies (EURO).
- The Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS)

For any further information please contact:

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**THE 22nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MULTIPLE  
CRITERIA DECISION MAKING  
MCDM for Tomorrows World  
Málaga (Spain), 17 - 21 June, 2013  
[www.uma.es/mcdm2013](http://www.uma.es/mcdm2013)**

**Call for abstracts**

The 22nd International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making will take place in the Mediterranean city of Málaga (Spain), in June 2013. As in all our conferences, the aim is to bring together researchers and practitioners who address Multiple Criteria Decision Making and Multiobjective Optimization. We expect about 300 participants from all over the world. The Conference theme is MCDM for Tomorrow's World.

The MCDM2013 conference welcomes contributions from all areas of MCDM, in particular those addressing the conference theme. The topics include, but are not limited to:

- Advances in MCDM Theory
- AHP, ANP
- Applications of MCDM
- Behavioral Issues in Decision Making
- Compromise Programming
- Computing and Software for MCDM
- Data Envelopment Analysis
- Environmental Decision Making
- Evolutionary Algorithms and MCDM
- Fuzzy Multiple Criteria Decision Making
- Goal Programming
- Group Decision Making, Negotiations
- Multiattribute Utility or Value Theory
- Multiobjective Optimization
- Multiple Criteria Classification, Ranking, and Sorting
- Multiple Criteria Decision Aiding
- Multiple Objective Combinatorial Optimization
- Multiple Objective Metaheuristics
- New Approaches and Decision Support Systems
- New Areas where MCDM is Applied
- Outranking Methods
- Preference Modelling
- Risk and Uncertainty
- Teaching MCDM

Please, visit our website for further instructions about the MCDM2013 electronic system and abstract submission system.

Deadlines:

1. Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2013;
2. Acceptance notification: not later than February 28, 2013;
3. Early registration: April 1, 2013;
4. Deadline for registration: May 3, 2013.

Notes

- Please note that if you are going to give a talk at the Conference (after having your abstract accepted), you must register and pay the registration fee not later than April 1, 2013.
- Selected full papers will be published (after reviewing) in special issues of several OR journals. They can be submitted after the Conference; the deadline will be announced later.
- Wiley Practice Prize will be awarded during the Conference. To apply for it, your full paper (practice oriented) should be submitted according to instructions on our website. The finalists are expected to give their talks at the Conference before the final decision.
- During the conference, the International Society on MCDM will honor the MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award to a young scholar, who has obtained a doctoral degree in the MCDM and/or related fields. To apply, please visit our website.

For further information please visit our conference website or contact the Conference Secretariat by e-mail: [mcdm2013@uma.es](mailto:mcdm2013@uma.es)

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# Nominations

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## MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award

At the 22nd International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, 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 22nd International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making, University of Mlaga, Spain, June 17-21, 2013. The finalists are expected to give a short talk at the conference and the final decision will be made after the talks.

## Application Process:

Deadline for applications: February 28, 2013. 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](mailto:yshi@unomaha.edu) and [yshi@gucas.ac.cn](mailto:yshi@gucas.ac.cn)

Eligibility: All applicants, whose dissertation is in the MCDM and/or related fields and graduated with a doctoral degree in 2010, 2011, 2012 or 2013.

The application packet should include the following documents (all of which must be written in English, except the diploma or acceptance form):

- 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. In this case, the report of the supervisor must include a paragraph stating that the publication(s) derive directly from the dissertation.

Supporting letters of three references, at least two from persons who were not Dissertation Advisors or did serve on the Dissertation Committee. MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee:

- Yong Shi (Chair), Chinese Academy of Sciences, China /University of Nebraska at Omaha, USA
- Andrzej Jaskiewicz, Poznań University of Technology, Poland
- Kathrin Klamroth, University Wuppertal, Germany
- Gang Kou, University of Electronic Science and Technology, China
- Heeseok Lee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, Korea
- Hirotaka Nakayama, Konan University, Japan
- Serpil Sayin, Koc University, Turkey
- Francisco Ruiz, University of Málaga, Spain
- Lothar Thiele, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Switzerland
- Margaret Wiecek, Clemson University, USA

Yong Shi  
Chair of the MCDM Doctoral Dissertation Award.

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**Wiley Practice Prize**

John Wiley & Sons Limited, as publishers of the Journal of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis, are once more sponsoring a prize for the best paper describing a real-life application of multiple criteria decision making presented at the 22nd International Conference on Multiple Criteria Decision Making to be held in Málaga, Spain from June 17 to June 21, 2013. The prize is US\$ 1000, while the winning paper and approved finalist papers will be published in the journal.

Conference delegates wishing to have their papers considered for the prize should submit full papers by 31 January, 2013 directly to Theo Stewart (Editor in Chief of the journal) at theodor.stewart@uct.ac.za, with a copy to the conference organizers at mcdm2013@uma.es. This submission implies that the paper has not been submitted for publication to any journal. The adjudication process will then be as follows.

- A committee will perform a preliminary screening of submissions to select finalists. (It is expected that at most 4 finalists will be selected). The finalists will be informed by 30 April, 2013.
- The finalists will at this point be required to upload their papers formally on to the JMCDA on-line submission system. (Instructions will be given at that time). The papers will then be subject to a full review according to the standard procedures of the journal.
- Finalist papers which have been submitted to the journal will be assembled into a special practice prize session at the conference, where their status as finalists will be advertised.
- The final decision of the practice prize jury will be announced at the conference banquet, on June 20. The jury will take into consideration both the presentation at the conference and the referees reports from the journal.

The prize winning paper is ensured publication in the journal, although minor revisions may be requested. Decisions on the others will be subject to reviewers comments, and may require revisions. The intention is to group all of these papers into a single issue of the journal.

Please note that submitting a full paper to the Wiley Practice Prize competition does not replace submitting an abstract to the Conference.

You can find information about the Wiley Practice Prize in the webpage of the MCDM2013 conference.

Theo Stewart,  
Chair of the Wiley Practice Prize Committee.

# Book announcement

Giorgio Fasano and János D. Pintér, Editors

Springer Optimization and Its Applications, Vol. 73

404 p. 147 illus., 90 in color.

ISBN 978-1-4614-4468-8 Publication date: October 31, 2012

<http://www.springer.com/mathematics/book/978-1-4614-4468-8>

**Summary Description:** This volume presents a selection of advanced case studies that address a substantial range of issues and challenges arising in space engineering. The contributing authors are well-recognized researchers and practitioners in space engineering and in applied optimization.

The key mathematical modeling and numerical solution aspects of each application case study are presented in sufficient detail. Classic and more recent space engineering problems - including cargo accommodation and object placement, flight control of satellites, engineering design, interplanetary transfers with deep space manoeuvres, low energy transfers, magnetic cleanliness modeling, propulsion system design, sensor system placement, systems engineering, space traffic logistics, and trajectory optimization - are discussed. Novel points of view related to computational global optimization, optimal control, and multidisciplinary design optimization are also given proper emphasis. A particular attention is paid also to scenarios expected in the context of future interplanetary explorations.

*Modeling and Optimization in Space Engineering* will benefit researchers and practitioners working on space engineering applications. Academics, graduate and post-graduate students in the fields of aerospace and other engineering, applied mathematics, operations research and optimal control will also find the book useful, since it discusses a range of advanced model development and solution techniques and tools in the context of real-world applications and new challenges.

**Content Level:** Professional/practitioner

**Keywords:** Control - Global optimization - Large-scale mathematical optimization - Mixed integer linear and nonlinear programming - Nonlinear programming - Optimal control theory - Space engineering applications of modeling and optimization

## EUROPT 2012 Fellow: Professor Joaquim João Judice



Figure 1: Professor Joaquim João Judice

Professor Joaquim João Judice is the founder of the Portugal's tri-annual international Optimization conference series and a well known researcher in Optimization who had a profound impact on the development of the field in Portugal.

Professor Joaquim João Judice has started his scientific career at the University of Coimbra, where graduated in mathematics in 1974. He defended his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1982 at Brunel University, UK, and earned his Habilitation Degree in 1996 at the University of Coimbra. From the very beginning Prof. Judice has been an active participant of the Portuguese and the International mathematical and operational research societies. He has held university professor appointment at the University of Coimbra and the University of Minho, Portugal. Throughout his career he has been an active researcher in the fields of Complementarity Problems, Global Optimization and applications of Optimization in Telecommunications and Civil Engineering.

Prof. Judice has been actively involved in theoretical and applied research, being the author of numerous books and lecture notes, and more than one hundred papers and book chapters. He participated in numerous national and international research projects, many times as main researcher and coordinator. More than 20 students have defended their master and Ph.D. degrees under the supervision of Prof. Judice, and many of them still continue their research with him.

It is difficult to overestimate the contributions of Prof. Judice to the Portuguese mathematical and optimization communities. During 1996-1997 he was a member of the board of the Portuguese Mathematical Society, in 2002-2008 he was the President of the International Centre for Mathematics (Portugal), in 2006-2011 served as the national representative at the IFIP Technical Committee on System Modelling and Optimization. Professor Judice dedicated a lot of his time to the activities of APDIO – the Portuguese Operational Research Society, he is a long time active member, and served as Vice-president (1989-1992) , and President of APDIO (2010-2011) as well. He tirelessly promoted Operations Research and Optimization, he organized or participated in the organization of numerous scientific meetings and conferences in Portugal and all over the world. The tri-annual international conference series “Optimization” held in Portugal was started by his initiative in 1991. He strongly contributed to the development of Continuous Optimization in Portugal, he has mentored several generations of Portuguese researchers, and has build numerous international connections between the Portuguese optimization community and world renown optimization experts, as well as with international organizations. He is Editor -in-chief and associate editor of over ten scientific journals, and serves as referee for more than periodicals. During many years Professor Judice is an active member of EURO and EUROPT, having organized and participated in many activities promoted by EUROPT, since its foundation in 2000.

Last year Prof Joaquim Judice has celebrated his 60th birthday. A featured session of the Optimization 2011 in Costa de Caparica, Portugal

<http://eventos.fct.unl.pt/optimization2011>

was dedicated to this special milestone. This session was assisted by many EUROPT members, international and national mathematicians who have worked together or just interacted with Prof. Judice in their professional life. His students, friends and family members joined the celebration.

We congratulate Professor Joaquim Judice in the occasion of being elected as the EUROPT Fellow 2012, and we wish him good health and continued success in his professional and personal life.

*Tamas Terlaky, Tatiana Tchemisova and Domingos M. Cardoso*