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Call for Papers
European Journal of Operational Research (EJOR)
Special Issue on:

Facilitated Problem Structuring and Decision Analysis

The European Journal of Operational Research will publish an issue on **Facilitated Problem Structuring and Decision Analysis**, which is one of main themes of the EURO XXII Conference in Prague (<http://www.euro2007.vse.cz>; Programme Committee: Ulrike Leopold-Wildburger (chair), Rainer Burkard, Dimitris Despotis, Josef Jablonsky, Tuula Kinnunen, Hans-Jakob Lüthi, Erwin Pesch, Roman Slowinski, Jaques Teghem, Tamas Terlaky, Gerhard Wöginger).

The special issue welcomes high quality papers from researchers and practitioners engaged in the development and/or use of problem structuring methods and decision analysis, in isolation or combination, to assist individuals or groups in their decision making. Its focus is on using such decision methods in **facilitated mode**, where the operational researcher acts as a *facilitator*, using the decision model *interactively* with the decision-makers to support their decision.

Both practical and theoretical papers are welcomed. For papers with a practical nature we expect innovative applications, which bring important insights about the way the methodologies can be deployed and provide in-depth reflections about the intervention. Contributions of a more theoretical nature are expected to provide clear and important developments for the field and should be rooted in solid concepts and theories.

Topics of particular interest may include, but are not limited to:

- The process of problem structuring and decision analysis facilitated modelling.
- Facilitation skills for problem structuring and decision analysis interventions.
- Multi-methodological approaches to problem structuring and decision analysis.
- Computer technology for group problem structuring and decision analysis.
- Top-down and bottom up approaches for problem structuring and decision analysis.
- Novel applications of problem structuring and decision analysis methods.
- Evaluation of problem structuring methods and decision analysis interventions.

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Important Dates:

- submission deadline of full papers: 15th November 2007 (early submission encouraged);
- notification of acceptance: 15th June 2008;
- completion: 15th August 2008.

Submission Details: The full paper should not exceed 25 double-space pages of A4, including illustrations and tables. The front page of the manuscript has to show its title, and the names and affiliations of all authors. It should also provide the contact information of the correspondence author, including the postal address and e-mail address. The submitted papers must not have been previously published or be currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. The format of manuscripts for EJOR can be found on the web page of Elsevier Science, the publisher of the journal; for "Guide of Authors" please visit <http://authors.elsevier.com/GuideForAuthors.html?PubID=505543&dc=GFA>.

All papers submitted for publication will be carefully refereed. You are sincerely invited to submit your PS or PDF document **by e-mail** to **one** of the following guest editors (and **not** to the EJOR editorial system) and please **request a receipt** from the guest editor that the file was actually received:

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