

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini EURO Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search MEC-VNS 2012

4-7 October 2012. Herceg Novi, Montenegro.

<http://www.mi.sanu.ac.rs/~vnsconference2012>

#### Organization

- Honorary Chair of the Conference: **Pierre Hansen**, GERAD and HEC Montreal, Canada.
- Conference Chairs: **Nenad Mladenovic**, Brunel, UK and JUJIM, Serbia; **José A. Moreno Pérez**, University of La Laguna, Spain.
- Program Committee Chairs: **Emilio Carrizosa**, University of Seville, Spain; **Belén Melián Batista**, University of La Laguna, Spain
- Organizing Committee Chair: **Dragan Urošević**, Mathematical Institute SASA, Beograd
- Secretary: **Sanja Roksandic**, Mathematical Institute, SASA, Beograd

**Scope and Objectives** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini EURO Conference dedicated to **Variable Neighborhood Search (MEC-VNS)** will be held in Herceg Novi (Montenegro) October 4-7, 2012.

The **Mini EURO Conferences (MEC)** constitute one of the instruments provided by EURO (the Association of European Operational Research societies) to promote the research in its field of interest. Each MEC is a specialized conference focusing a particular promising OR theme of research. These events are organized to allow specialists and practitioners of the selected topic of research to effectively screen papers participate in lively debates.

**VNS** is a metaheuristic based on systematic changes in the neighbourhood structure within a search, for solving optimization problems and related tasks. The main goal of the **2<sup>nd</sup> MEC-VNS** is to provide a stimulating environment in which researchers coming from various scientific fields can share and discuss their knowledge, expertise and ideas related to the VNS Metaheuristic and its applications.

**Submissions** The submission of papers ends on June 12, 2012. The accepted papers will be edited in conference proceedings in CD-ROM with its corresponding ISBN. A booklet with extended abstracts (4 pages) will also be provided to the participants. The official language of the conference is English.

**Publication** In agreement with the Editors of the Journal of Global Optimization (**JOGO**) and the Editors of IMA Journal of Management Mathematics (**IMA-MAN**) and the Editors of Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research (**YUJOR**), authors present at **MEC VNS 2012** will be invited to submit full versions of their papers to be published on a Special Issues of **JOGO** or **IMA-MAN** or **YUJOR** on the theme of the conference. Organizers are trying to get one more special issue of the journal from the SCI list. Note that for the 1<sup>st</sup> MEC-VNS, three special issues with papers presented at the conference were published (**EJOR**, **JOH** and **IMA-MAN**).

**Plenary speakers.** *Panos M. Pardalos*, University of Florida, USA. *Richard F. Hartl*, University of Vienna, Austria. *Celso C. Ribeiro*, Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brasil.

**Venue** The conference will be held at the Plaža hotel in Herceg Novi, Montenegro. Tivat (20km away) and Dubrovnik (25km away) are two international airports connecting Herceg Novi with worldwide cities by air traffic. From Dubrovnik and Tivat airports, Herceg Novi is easily accessible by taxi cab and by regular buses.

<b>Registration fee</b>	Normal	Student
Before August 1, 2012	280 €	100 €
After August 1, 2012	330 €	150 €

with the notice for the authors who wish their papers to be published in the Proceedings, the payment deadline is August 25, 2012.

The registration fee includes conference Proceedings, extended abstract booklet and documentation, lunches, coffee breaks and social program (gala dinner and excursion to Dubrovnik). To qualify as a student, the delegate must present a student card. Support from EURO may be granted to seven delegates from Eastern European countries and support from SEIO may be granted to some of its Ph.D. students. The Ph.D. students of the Faculty of Organizational sciences (FOS), University of Belgrade will have free access to the conference and will receive the documentation.

#### Important dates

May 01, 2012	Participant registration
June 12, 2012	Paper submission
July 03, 2012	Acceptance notice
September 04, 2012	Preliminary program schedule notice
October 04 - 07, 2012	Conference

#### Program Committee

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