



An invitation for Authors to submit a paper for the above award.

### **PURPOSE**

The purposes of the competition are to:

- recognise outstanding accomplishments in the practice of Operational Research,
- attract more application-oriented papers to EURO Conferences,
- promote the practice of Operational Research in general.

### **GUIDELINES**

All interested authors are invited to submit papers describing an application of Operational Research which has original features, whether in methodology, application or implementation. The age limit for the papers is four years. The papers must not have been submitted concurrently to another competition.

The invitation is open to Operational Research specialists from any part of the world.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The criteria for the evaluation of the papers are:

- scientific quality,
- relevance to Operational Research,
- originality in methodology, implementations and/ or field of application,
- a real impact to practice,
- appreciation by the organisation involved with the application.

Strong preference will be given to published papers. Letters of appreciation are important.

### **THE PROCESS**

The jury selects a short-list of finalist papers which will be presented in a special session of the EURO Conference 2009 in Bonn. There is no registration fee for one author of each of the finalist papers. The winner will be determined by the jury at the end of the special session and will be announced by the chairman of the jury during the closing session of the EURO Conference.

### **THE PRIZE**

The prize for the winners is

- a distinct honour that in material terms consists of:
- a certificate of excellence in OR practice for each author of the paper and for the concerned organization,
- an amount of 3,000 EUR for the authors.

### **THE JURY**

Chair

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### **SUBMISSION**

Please inform the chairman or any other member of the Jury by email about the details of your submission.

**DEADLINE: 31 JANUARY 2009**