

## GUEST EDITORIAL PREFACE

# Special Issue on Multi-Criteria Decision Making Approaches

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This IJDSST Special Issue on “Multi-criteria Decision Making Approaches” includes selected papers from the Joint International Conference of the INFORMS Group Decision and Negotiation (GDN) Section and the EURO Working Group on Decision Support Systems (DSS) in Toulouse (France), June 10th-13th, 2014, as well as selected papers from the DSS Stream from the 20th Conference of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS) in Barcelona (Spain), July 13th – 18th, 2014.

The goal of this Special Issue is to present recent advances in Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM), both theoretic and application oriented. We are proud to have selected a well-balanced selection of high quality papers. The 4 papers included in this volume tackle several important issues in MCDM from different perspectives. The first paper by

António Arrais-Castro, Leonilde Varela, Goran Putnik, Rita Ribeiro, and Fatima Dargam, proposes using a dynamic MCDM model for selecting business partners in collaborative-networked organizations. The second paper by Ksenija Mandić, Boris Delibašić and Dragan Radojević, addresses modelling interactions and interdependencies between criteria for supplier selection with a fuzzy logic approach that is consistent with the Boolean algebra, i.e. Interpolative Boolean Algebra (IBA). The third paper by Vjekoslav Bobar, Ksenija Mandić, and Milija Suknović, proposes a fuzzy DSS for public procurement in the Republic of Serbia. The fourth paper by Yi Xiao, Keith Hipel, and Liping Fang proposes a Graph Model for Conflict Resolution (GMCR) approach to handle conflict resolution in the Alberta oil sands in Canada).

We are quite pleased to have included in this IJDSST Special Issue this set of high quality and interesting pieces of research, authored by professionals coming from different research institutions across different continents.

Further, we are rather grateful to all reviewers as well as authors, for all the collaboration and work they have put into making this special issue a success. We hope that you also enjoy as much reading it and that you can eventually refer to its contents in your future research.

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