

Newsletter ORAHS

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Introduction

Dear colleagues/friends! Please find here the spring edition of our ORAHS Working Group Newsletter. With this newsletter we intend to give information on activities of the Working Group to its members and others who are interested in the Working Group.

If you have any relevant information, or if you want to write a short contribution for the next newsletter you can send it to Sally Brailsford.

Agenda of coming meetings

July 8-12th 2002

IFORS 2002. Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.

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July 28th-2nd August 2002

ORAHS. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Theme: Accessibility and Quality of Health Services.

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www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm

September 2nd-5th 2002

Operations Research 2002. International Conference on Operational Research, University of Klagenfurt, Austria.

Information: www.uni-klu.ac.at/or2002 or e-mail: or2002@uni-klu.ac.at

September 3rd – 5th 2003

Fourth IMA Conference on Quantitative Modelling in the Management of Health Care Salford, U.K.

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IFORS 2002: Edinburgh

Ruth Davies (rmd@soton.ac.uk) from University of Southampton is the Health Services Stream Organiser at IFORS2002 in Edinburgh, July 7th to 12th, 2002.. The Health Services stream, with 39 papers, will run for most of the conference. Session leaders, in addition to Ruth Davies, are Mike Carter from Toronto and Thierry Chausalet from the University of Westminster. There are papers from the United Kingdom, Italy, Canada, USA, France, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Austria, Belgium and Australia. Several of the contributors are from the EURO Working Group on Operational Research Applied to the Health Services. These include: Jackie Riley, Vanda De Angelis, Marion Rauner, Lucas Delesie, Steve Gallivan, Chris Sherlaw-Johnson, Sally Brailsford, Paul Harper, Arjan Shahani, Gill Mould, Mike Carter and others.

There is a wide range of topics to excite all those interested in the improvement of health care services: disease detection, disease control, disease prevention; delivery of ambulatory care, acute medical services, emergency services, ambulance services, nurse scheduling, the provision of drugs and the allocation of beds; performance measurement. There is something for everyone. Further details of papers can be view on the conference website www.ifors2002.org.

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ORAHS 2002: Rio de Janeiro

The next Working Group meeting will be held from July 28th-August 2nd 2002, at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The organiser of the meeting is Mario Jorge Ferreira de Oliveira. The overall theme of the meeting will be 'Accessibility and Quality of Health Services'.

For information about the Rio meeting you can contact Mario (mario_jo@pep.ufrj.br) or consult the web-site. You can find the web-site at the following address: www.po.ufrj.br/~mario_jo/orahs2002/index.htm

..... Mario, can you add some information on the location of the meeting, participants, the scientific programme (invited speaker? topics), the social programme (visit to a hospital ?) and other information that is relevant for a newsletter.

..... and can you also provide a picture as a welcome for the prospective participants.....

EURO- info

Euro has an extensive website with information on EURO conferences and EURO Working Groups. The EURO vice-president 2 in charge of the Working Groups is Professor Rainer Burkard, Institute of Mathematics, University of Technology Graz Austria, who is by his function also a member of our working group. For more information see www.euro-online.org A new version of the website has become available since December 2001. Working Groups can now update their own information, and annual reports of Working Groups can be printed from the site directly.

Web-site news

The ORAHS website has been considerably enlarged this year. It now contains information about many of the previous meetings of the group, going back as far as 1975 when the first ever meeting was held (in Exeter, UK under the chairmanship of Duncan Boldy). If you have any additional information about the remaining meetings, please contact Sally Brailsford (scb@soton.ac.uk). You can find the website at the following address: <http://www.soton.ac.uk/~orahsweb>. An option for downloading and printing a list of working group participants is currently under construction. However, anyone wishing to obtain such a list, or to email the entire working group, can do so by contacting Sally. We welcome ideas and suggestions for the website.

Short communications

Fabio Schoen, Professor in Operations Research at the University of Florence, organises a workshop on simulation in health care on Saturday, June 15th 2002, in Lido di Camaiore (Lucca). The idea of the workshop came from the local health authorities, as a follow up of a national project on simulation for hospitals, which was coordinated by Fabio Schoen. The target audience includes hospital and health care managers, as well as representatives of the local governmental authorities, and researchers in the field of operations research. Fabio has invited a number of members from the ORAHS working group to participate: Vanda de Angelis, Sally Brailsford, Ruth Davies, Lucas Delesie, Marten Lagergren, Arjan Shahani, Jan Vissers.

For more information contact Fabio Schoen (schoen@ing.unifi.it) or visit the website for the workshop (<http://globopt.dsi.unifi.it/workshop2002>)

Valter de Senna organises a workshop on ‘national health care systems: exchange of international experiences’ in Salvador, Bahia, on Monday/Tuesday 4-5 August 2002, just after the meeting of ORAHS in Rio de Janeiro. The target audience is local health care managers and representatives of health care authorities. The objective of the workshop is to discuss the recent development in of decentralisation in the Brazilian health care system, by comparison with relevant developments in other national health care systems. Contributions will be given by Duncan Boldy (Australia), Vande de Angelis (Italy), Arjan Shahani (UK and India) and Jan Vissers (The Netherlands).

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The proceedings of the papers presented at the ORAHS 2001 conference in Vienna are edited by Marion Rauner and Professor Kurt Heidenberger, University of Vienna, Austria. About two thirds of the papers presented were submitted for the proceedings. For an overview of the topics, see the conference website (www.bwl.univie.ac.at/bwl/inno/orahs2001.html). Marion thanks the session chairpersons (Sally Brailsford, Margaret Brandeau, Harald Buhaug, David Clayden, Ruth Davies, Mario Jorge Ferreira de Oliveira, Steve Gallivan, Jan Schreuder, Arjan Shahani and Penny Mullen) for their valuable comments on the papers submitted. The

proceedings will be printed by Peter Lang Publishing House before Christmas 2002 and will be sent out soon after to the participants of the ORAHS2001 meeting.

Marion Rauner, University of Vienna, Austria, and Jan Vissers, Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands, are also editing an EJOR Feature Issue 'OR Applied to Health Services: Planning for the future with scarce resources'. Fourteen papers were submitted, whereby many of them were presented at the ORAHS 2001 meeting. Some papers had to be rejected in the first round, and now the second part of the review process has started. The editors express their thanks to the many reviewers who are contributing to this process. Professor Jyrki Wallenius, one of the EJOR editors, is looking forward to receive the final version of the papers for the feature issue this summer.

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