

47th International Annual Conference of the EURO Working Group on Operational Research Applied to Health Services

Applications of OR to Healthcare Adversity

Online: 5 – 9 July 2021 :: <http://di.unito.it/orahs2021>

Call for Papers

The EURO Working Group (EWG) on Operational Research Applied to Health Services (**ORAHs**) was formed in 1975 as part of a program for developing special interest groups within the European branch, **EURO**, of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies, **IFORS**. The group currently has hundreds of members from **30 countries**, mainly from **Europe** but also from **overseas** (e.g., USA, Canada, and Brazil). The group meets for a week each summer in a different, mainly European, host country. The **objectives of the group** are to impart ideas, knowledge and experience on the application of OR approaches and methods to problems in the health services area, mutual support of members, co-operation on joint projects and stimulation of approaches and attitudes in the field of applied Operational Research. More details about our activities in the **EWG website**: <http://orahs.di.unito.it/about.html>.

Location (virtual, Zoom): University of Southampton, United Kingdom and Simon Fraser University, Canada.

Information / Abstract Submission / Registration: <http://di.unito.it/orahs2021>

Fees: 20 euros for PhD students and under 100 euros for everyone else.

Important Dates:

- Conference: **5 – 9 July 2021 (PM only, CEST)**
- Abstract submission deadline: 10th Jun 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 15th Jun 2021
- Deadline for author and early registration: 20th Jun 2021
- Deadline for late registration: 30th Jun 2021

This year, the conference offers the opportunity to **share research ideas** in **discussion sessions** (i.e. short talks followed by plenty of room for discussion) to pitch ideas, or in **regular talks** (15 mins plus 5 mins for questions, limited in number) with typically time for one or two questions from the audience in the end.

In order to promote **interactive discussion** in the **online format**, we plan to replace **some** of the usual parallel sessions with discussion-based sessions. These would begin with **2-minute elevator talks** by all of the speakers in the sessions. Each speaker would then have **30 minutes in a breakout room** to expand on their talk or engage in interactive discussion. Participants would be able to choose which breakout room to attend and have the ability to switch between breakout rooms.

For PhD students: the poster session - including the **Steve Gallivan Award for PhD students** - would be replaced by a dedicated discussion session.

Please use the following **submission codes** to indicate the type of talk you want to give: **regular talks 89b2e01f**, **discussion session e77b5e52**, **PhD poster session d4858393**.

Plenaries are scheduled with keynotes from renowned speakers. Abstracts will be shared on the conference website.

Despite the conference being fully virtual, we encourage participants to engage in the social program. Details will follow in due course, **please check the website regularly**.

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