

EURO Working Group-Operational Research for Development (EWG-ORD), was established in 2006. Its aim is to promote and facilitate communication links among European and other researchers working in areas of operational research for development. *EWG-ORD* has been organising yearly workshops to promote the importance of operational research in improving the lives of people in developing and developed countries.

The development concept has been evolving over time. The Millennium Development Goals established in 2000 by the United Nations have been replaced in 2016 by the wider and much more ambitious **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs), consisting of 17 goals to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all, affecting all sectors in developing and developed countries. Among other things, the OR discipline enables incorporation of consistent objectives and establishment of optimum policies and procedures.

The *EWG-ORD 2018 Workshop* aims to be a forum for debate and exchange of knowledge and experiences to direct operational research activities towards the achievement of the following SDGs through OR:

SDG1: No Poverty SDG2: Zero Hunger SDG3: Good Health and Well-Being SDG4: Quality Education SDG5: Gender Equality SDG6: Clean Water and Sanitation SDG7: Affordable and Clean Energy SDG8: Decent Work and Economic Growth SDG9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure SDG10: Reduced Inequalities SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG12: Responsible Consumption and Production SDG13: Climate Change SDG14: Life Below Water SDG15: Life on Land SDG16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG17: Partnerships for the Goals

Aware of the need to promote sustainable development in developing countries, *EWG-ORD* is offering a number of grants to partially support the expenses of participants from weak currency countries.

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2018 conference to be held in Valencia (Spain), July 8-11.

EWG-ORD 2018 Workshop is a satellite event of EURO

Website: EWG-ORD http://bit.ly/2Dfgnp7

Dates

5-6 July 2018 (social activities scheduled on July 7).

Venue

Faculty of Mathematical Sciences, Complutense University of Madrid, Plaza de las Ciencias 3, Madrid.

Abstract and paper submission procedure

Academics, industry professionals, and other researchers with empirical or applied contributions in OR for development are encouraged to email an extended abstract (at least 1,500 words) or a completed paper in PDF format to submission@ewgord.org. The email subject line should state:"*EWG-ORD: Last Name of the Submitting Author*". Please include proper contact details in the email. Purely technical papers, or those without relevance in the developmental context, will not be accepted.

Important dates

Abstracts submission: February 1st—April 1st

Acceptance decision: April 15th

Grants application: April 22nd (decision April 30th)

Registration fees (Fee includes: 2 day conference, coffee/ tea, lunch, a conference dinner, and social activities)

Early registration: 175€ (until May 6th)

Regular registration: 200€ (until June 8th)

Grant holders registration: 100€ (until May 6th)

For registration visit: eventos.ucm.es/go/ewg-ord2018

Accommodation

A number of rooms will be booked in university residences, from 4th to 8th of July. Registration fee for grant holders is inclusive of accommodation in the university residences.

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