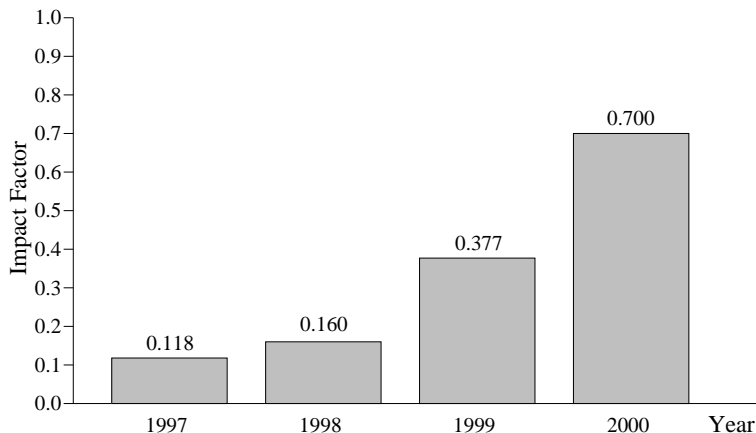


EDITORIAL¹

This issue is a special one, because it appears for the first time with the logo of our new publisher, Taylor & Francis. Moreover, it begins our publications in the year, when *Optimization Methods and Software* (OMS) observes its 10th anniversary. Therefore, we find it relevant to review here our achievements and to outline prospects.

During the past ten years, we published 270 papers. The high quality of these publications and the growing importance of OMS can be evaluated by its high impact factor which, according to *ISI Journal Citation Reports* of 2001, is growing rapidly as follows:



We are proud at OMS to reach the level of the most established journals on optimization.

The publication of the special issue (Volumes 11&12) on interior point methods with software on supplemented CD was a valuable addition to collections of literature on optimization. The same refers to the special issues dedicated to the birthdays of Charles Broyden, Naum Shor, Masao Iri and Laurence Dixon. The paper “The PATH solver: a nonmonotone stabilization scheme for mixed complementarity problems” by Steven Dirkse and Michael Ferris (Volume 5, pp. 123-156) is a good example of our high quality publications. It was awarded the 1997 Beale–Orchard-Hays Prize, which honors the

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best paper or book on computational mathematical programming every three years.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of OMS, a conference on Optimization Methods and Software is organized in December 15-18, 2002, in Hangzhou, China. This conference aims to review and discuss recent advances and promising research trends in optimization theory, methods, applications and software developing. One can find the 1st announcement at the end of this issue. One can see also that the list of invited speakers and scientific committee members is composed of internationally highly esteemed researchers in various areas of optimization.

By the end of this year, we plan to publish a special 10th anniversary issue of OMS. A special issue on stochastic programming will appear soon.

We are pinning our hopes on the new publisher, who has demonstrated its strong willingness to have OMS staying among its most prosperous journals. As an example, we should mention its pricing policy, which is aimed on reducing gradually the journal prices to the level affordable to a wider range of academic libraries. In evidence of this, we suggest to compare the institutional subscription prices \$2601 and \$1951 for the years 2001 and 2002, respectively, and to take into account the increased total number of journal pages to be published by this year.

OMS will be printed bimonthly with this issue. It's electronic version will be free online for 6 months after the publication of the first issue of volume 17.

With this issue of OMS we note several important changes to the editorial board. After about ten years of fine service, Anant V. Balakrishnan has decided to step out of his very active role as a board member. Moreover, Jaroslav Dolezal, Vitalij G. Zhadan, Ivan I. Eremin, Anatoli I. Propoi and Feodor P. Vasilyev come to the end of their terms as board members. They have served OMS long and well. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their valuable contribution to the editorial work.

We welcome the following new board members: Laurent El Ghaoui of the University of California at Berkeley (Berkeley, USA), Michal Kočvara of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Erlangen, Germany), Alexander V. Lo-

tov of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, Russia), Alex M. Rubinov of the University of Ballarat (Victoria, Australia), and Michael V. Solodov of Instituto de Matematica Pura e Aplicada (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).

We are pleased to congratulate Andreas Griewank, who was awarded the Max-Planck Research Prize 2001 for international cooperation in the area of Mathematics and Computer Science. He is a leading researcher in the field of automatic differentiation. Andreas Griewank was the first Regional Editor of OMS for Americas and has been on the editorial board ever since.

We are pleased also to congratulate Panos Pardalos, who received the National Award of the Hellenic Operational Research Society for the year 2001. This award is the highest distinction that the Society provides once a year to a Greek operational researcher, and it is accompanied by a Diploma and Gold Medal. We highly appreciate his valuable contribution as OMS Book Review Editor and as a leading expert on global optimization.

Taking this opportunity, we would like to express our warmest greetings and congratulations to our board members Hubert Schwetlick and Jochem Zowe on their recent 60th birthdays. Their life-long devotion to science, their personal qualities have set an example to the coming generations. We would like to express to them very good wishes of personal well-being and further success in scientific work.

Dear Readers and Authors of OMS, let us thank you for your continuing support to our journal, which is strengthening the position of OMS as an acknowledged forum in optimization methods and software research. We shall be pleased to see you at the conference on OMS in China. Join OMS in celebrating 10 years of service to the optimization community!

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