

Call for Papers

Special issue on “New trends in Variable Neighborhood Search”

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The Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS) metaheuristic is based on systematic changes in the neighborhood structure within a search, and has been successfully applied for solving various discrete, global optimization problems, and related tasks. This Call for Papers addresses the recently growing interest of the research community working on the VNS methodology.

This special issue of the **International Transactions in Operational Research (ITOR)** is dedicated to contributions on theoretical, methodological, or applied aspects of the VNS metaheuristic. Its objective is to present recent advances in the VNS methodology and novel applications in industrial optimization problems, computer systems, engineering, and other areas.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2017. Although we strongly encourage authors who attended the 4th International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS'16), which was held in Málaga, Spain, October 3–5, 2016, this Call for Papers is also open and welcomes submissions from the entire community of academics and practitioners.

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