Subject: SYM-OP-IS 2021--- Second Call for Participation ---

Dear Colleagues,

This is the second call for papers of the XLVIII International Symposium on Operational Research (http://symopis2021.matf.bg.ac.rs/), which takes place in Banja Koviljača, Serbia, from 20 to 23 September 2021.

SYM-OP-IS is an International Symposium that has been organized since 1974. It presents an annual gathering of OR researchers, both theoreticians and practitioners, in order to exchange scientific and technical information, convey experiences and present new results achieved in the development and application of OR methods. This year, the conference is organized by the Faculty of Mathematics - University of Belgrade (www.matf.bg.ac.rs) and Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts ([www.mi.sanu.ac.rs](http://www.mi.sanu.ac.rs)), in cooperation with several other research, educational, and state institutions.

The Symposium Programme comprises of plenary lectures and numerous sections that accommodate the exchange of ideas among academia and industry, both from Serbia and abroad. The main aim of the Symposium is the development and applications of new Operational Research methods, models and techniques. Various sections ensure a valuable mixture of theoretical and practical aspects of Operational Research. A special section on the VNS method and its applications is dedicated to Prof. Nenad Mladenović celebrating his 70th birthday and 45 years of research work.

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- INVITED SPEAKERS -

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The following invited speakers have confirmed their participation at SYM-OP-IS 2021:

+ **Natasha Shakhlevich Chakhlevitch**, Unversity of Leeds, UK.

+ **Nikolaos Matsatsinis**, Technical University of Crete, Greece

+ **Nenad Mladenović**, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

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- IMPORTANT DATES -

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Registration is opened at http://symopis2021.matf.bg.ac.rs/index.php?page=registration.

+ Paper submission deadline is May 31, 2021.

+ Acceptance notification to authors is June 15, 2021.

+ The deadline for registration is August 20, 2021.

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- VENUE -

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XLVIII International Symposium on Operational Research will take place at the [ROYAL SPA Hotel](http://www.royalspa.rs), which is located in Banja Koviljača, a beautiful spa in the western part of Serbia (http://symopis2021.matf.bg.ac.rs/index.php?lang=en&page=location). Please, contact hotel directly to book your accommodation, with the note that you are participant of the SYM-OP-IS 2021 conference. The hotel offers special prices for the accommodation to participants of the SYM-OP-IS 2021.

**Important note:** Having in mind the global Covid 19 situation, there is a possibility for participants from abroad to join the conference and give presentation online. For more details on this form of participation, please, contact us at [symopis2021@matf.bg.ac.rs](mailto:symopis2021@matf.bg.ac.rs).

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- PUBLICATION -

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To submit a short paper or an abstract please consult the instructions on http://symopis2021.matf.bg.ac.rs/index.php?page=submiting

The **Symposium Proceedings** with the final versions of the accepted papers will be published before the symposium. Selected papers will have the opportunity to be published in Special Issues of the following journals:

**+Yugoslav Journal of Operations Research**‒**YUJOR** (http://yujor.fon.bg.ac.rs/index.php/yujor), **+International Journal for Traffic and Transport Engineering** – **IJTTE** (http://ijtte.com/), and

**+Military Technical Courier** (http://www.vtg.mod.gov.rs/).

Looking forward to meeting you at SYM-OP-IS 2021,

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