

REPORT ON THE 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPERATIONS RESEARCH

The conference, held in Havana on February 22 -26, 2010, attracted 134 delegates from the Operations Research community. Researchers from America, Europe and Asia attended the Conference, mainly from Spain (16,0%), France (13,4%), Mexico (11,6%), Brazil (7,1%), Canada (5,3%) and Germany (3,6%). 112 contributed and invited papers were read. This fact promoted lively discussions and debates in theoretical and practical issues of Optimization, Probability and Statistics, Mathematical Economics, Partial Differential Equations, Algorithms and OR Education. A selection of the contributions will appear in this volume of Revista Investigación Operacional

The conference was organized by Universidad de La Habana and Université Paris 1, Pantheon-Sorbonne, through SAMOS, University d'Evry Val d'Essonne and Universite Paris-Dauphine. It was sponsored by Asociación Latinoamericana de Investigación de Operaciones (ALIO), the universities Autónoma de Guerrero and Humboldt zu Berlin as well as Ministerio de Ciencias Tecnología y Medio Ambiente, Oficina del Historiador de La Ciudad de La Habana and Sección Científica de Investigación Operacional, Sociedad Cubana de Matemática y Computación.

Five mini-courses on Partial differential equations and Mathematical Biology were read by acknowledged specialists and encouraged debates on a number of important issues.

The Conference was opened by Prof. Dr. Pierre-Louis Lions, Fields Medalist. Another four Plenary Lectures were read by prestigious professors from Brazil, France, USA and The Netherlands.

Strategies for regional collaboration and interdisciplinary work were discussed in a special session. Future cooperation's possibilities on Applications of OR to Human Health and Wealth-fare aroused. The forthcoming 9th Workshop on OR will be devoted to these topics and was proposed as a perfect frame for fostering these interactions.

The sessions took place in Hotel Parque Central and lunches at the nice restaurant Hanoi, where Cuban food was served and traditional music was played and provided a cool ambient. Social gathering took place at installations located in Vedado. The Welcome party allowed to make the first acquaintances and enjoy jazz played by a group of young musicians. Salsa music allowed dancing. The Party Dinner took place at Casa de La Amistad where the participants could enjoy an international menu, Cuban cocktails and dancing

At last, but no least, we would like to thank the members of the Program and Organizing Committees members for providing advices on the agenda, and supporting the conference.

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