

# **REPORT ON THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPERATIONS RESEARCH**

The conference took place in La Habana during the period March 6-9, 2012. The modern and functional design of Habana Rivera Hotel, as well as its equipment and infrastructure, very much supported the conference and guaranteed that it went smoothly. The usual Cuban hospitality of both, the Organizing Committee, and the local people provided a pleasant atmosphere among all participants. Despite the number of participants it was possible to get into contact with each other very easily during the breaks between sessions and the social activities. This started at the Welcome Reception where the guests enjoyed buffet, drinks and music.

X-ICOR served as a forum for scientists related with Operations Research: mathematicians, statisticians, economists, engineers, educators, and practitioners to exchange the latest advantages in theories, techniques, and experiences in applications of OR and its related areas.

The official part of the conference started on Tuesday afternoon after Registrations which started in the morning.

The organizing committee's chair Prof. Dr. Sira Allende greeted the participants and Prof. Dr. Boris Murdukhovich (USA) delivered the first plenary talk: "Variational analysis in Optimization and Operations Research". His talk was followed by interesting discussions. During the following days the activities were further enriched by 7 distinguished plenary talks given by professors J. N. Bacro (Fr), D. Bakry (Fr), A. Eyraud-Loisel (Fr), M. Lotz (UK), J. Puerto (Es) and J. Ruckman (UK).

The Program Committee succeeded to arrange a scientific program of 3-5 parallel streams of sessions daily, from 1000 to 1900, with approximately 130 presentations in total. Each session opened with a main talk provided by a well known specialist, from different fields, to promote the exchange ideas and getting insights in the vast variety of OR theory and its applications in the broad sense. The presentations were spread among streams in Differential Equations, Statistics and Probability, Operations Research, Optimization Theory, Algorithms, Economical Models and Educational Issues. The participants came from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Russia, Spain, United Kingdom and United States mainly. For a first time we had participants from Turkey and Iran.

X ICOR was an enriching experience. It has also been a pleasure to get into contact with a lot of very interesting people and also to make some new friends whom we hope to see again at future ICOR conferences.

Authors were invited to contribute high-quality papers to our journal. As established in the politics of the journal the reviewing was double blind again. This volume of Investigacion Operacional contains a selection of the papers presented in the conference.

**The Organizing Committee**