EDITORIAL

The development of Operations Research has had as it *mottus operandis* providing new theoretical models needed for solving real life problems. There are no doubts that OR is the area where more real life applications of mathematical models takes place. During the last years the OR community is increasing its interest in high-quality application-oriented papers. This Special Issue contains 13 papers connected with OR in Modeling Real Life Problems. Da Silveira-Pereira et al. presented a paper where they share their models for the management of airports. Inventory optimization, under particular set of conditions, is the theme of the contribution of Bag –Tripathy. Stdies on OR in educational problems are the paper of Abad-Peña et al. as well as Enrique-Hevia et al.´s. G. Papers concerned with economic problems constitute the majority of the papers. They are due to Acurio-Armas et al.; Fajardo Vaca et al.; Pérez-Fructuoso and Alegre Escolano; Sandoval-Malquín and Enríquez-Chamorro; Vallejos-Cazar et al. and Nivela-Icaza et al. Lahiri´s paper is devoted to developing a discussion of the theory of decision procedures in economy. It is notable the paper of Budiantara et al. in characterizing a demographic problematic and Hernández-Iglesias considered theoretical modeling which are of use in technologic areas.

Most of the papers presented OR tools and models, developed or applied computational softwares and real life problems were solved. Generally they were of interest for their countries.

This issue is intended to be of particular interest for practitioners and new-comers to OR practice

The editors