

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## SPECIAL ISSUE OF The JOURNAL OF THE OPERATIONAL RESEARCH SOCIETY ON “OPERATIONAL RESEARCH IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT: PRAGMATIC SOLUTIONS FOR REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS”

In today's complex business environment project managers require an array of analytical methods for problem-solving and decision-making so as to deliver their projects in the most efficient and effective way. In an attempt to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of decision-making in projects an array of tools, techniques and algorithms have been developed but many are deemed to have limited use in real-life scenarios. With this in mind, this special issue aims to examine how developments in the field of operational research can be used to address the 'real-life' problems that project managers are often confronted with throughout a project's life-cycle. Contributed papers may deal with, but are not limited to:

- Continuous and discrete optimisation
- Decision support systems
- Qualitative modelling
- Predictive analytics and data mining
- Project monitoring (e.g., earned value)
- Problem structuring methods
- Mathematical programming
- Multi-criteria decision methods
- Scheduling algorithms
- Simulation
- Stochastic and statistical modelling

Empirical observations leading to original and significant conclusions or application papers in the above areas are also welcome. Manuscript submission details can be found at: <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/jors>. Authors should submit their paper by accessing the Operational Research Society website before **December 31 2008**: <http://www.theorsociety.com/>

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