

## GUEST EDITORIAL PREFACE

# Special Issue on Advances on Decision Sciences and on Decision Support Technologies

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This IJDSST Special Issue on “Advances on Decision Sciences and on Decision Support Technologies” includes papers selected from the DSS Stream of the EURO Mini-Conference on “Collaborative Decision Systems in Economics and in Complex Societal and Environmental Applications”. The EURO Mini-Conference Graz-2013 was held in Graz, Austria, from October 17th to 19th, 2013. It was jointly organised by the EURO Working Groups on Decision Support Systems (EWG-DSS); Experimental Economics (EWGE-CUBE), the EURO Working Group on Methodology for Complex Societal Problems (MCSP) and the EURO Working Group on OR in Agriculture and Forest Management (ORAFM). The DSS Stream was organised by the Euro Working Group on Decision Support Systems (EWG-DSS).

As the guest-editors of this Special Issue, we are extremely proud to confirm that this publication’s initiative has reached its main

objective of gathering high quality research and application oriented papers, devoted to the development advances within decision making and decision support.

The focus of this IJDSST Special Issue is on the recent advances on Decision Sciences and on Decision Support Technologies. The 4 papers included in this volume tackle some key issues of decision making from different perspectives. The first paper, by Patrick Hippmann, addresses the negotiation issue within decision making, by taking into account the users’ emotional behaviors in text-based online negotiations. In the second paper, Andrej Bregar proposes a framework for the measurement and reduction of user-perceivable complexity, taking into account group decision-making methods. The third paper, by Nikolaos Ploskas, Nikolaos Samaras and Jason Papathanasiou, exploits methodologies for a decision support system for solving linear programming problems. The

fourth paper, by Adiel Almeida Filho, Ana Paula Gusmão, Thárcylla Clemente, Jadielson Moura, Ana Paula Costa and Adiel T. de Almeida, presents an application of Decision Support System for sizing a call center of an electrical power distributor in Brazil.

We are quite pleased to have included in this IJDSST Special Issue a set of high quality and interesting pieces of research, authored by professionals coming from different research institutions across the continents. Editing this

Special Issue was a pleasure for us. We hope that you also enjoy as much reading it and that you can eventually refer to its contents in further research projects.

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