

Dear colleague,

We would like to cordially invite you to submit a proposal of a special session for **WCGO 2019**: The **6th World Congress on Global Optimization** which will be held in Metz, France on **July 8-10, 2019**.

Website: <https://wcgo2019.event.univ-lorraine.fr/>

Deadline for Special Session proposals: **1 December 2018**

Deadline for paper submission: **31 January 2019**

WCGO 2019 will bring together most leading specialists in both theoretical and computational aspects as well as applications of Nonconvex Programming and Global Optimization, highlight recent advances, trends, challenges and to discuss how to expand the role of these fields in several potential high-impact application areas.

We encourage all types of contributions including theory, algorithms and applications, in particular on emergent domains such as Data science, Big data, Robotics, ...

The conference proceedings will be published in the series **Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing** of Springer-Verlag and indexed by ISI Proceedings, DBLP, Ulrich's, EI-Compendex, SCOPUS, Zentralblatt Math, MetaPress, Springerlink.

Special Issues in SCI journals for the post-conference publication are planned, which include

- *Journal of Global Optimization*
- *Optimization Letters*
- *Optimization and Engineering*
- Others to be announced.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS

The WCGO 2019 invites proposals for Workshops & Special Sessions to be held during the conference. They intend to provide researchers in focused areas the opportunity to present and discuss their work, as well as to offer a forum for interaction among a broader community of researchers. A Special Session or Workshop will consist of a group of papers in a sub-discipline of Modelling, Optimization and Applications related to the main topics of WCGO 2019. The papers will be required to meet the same standards as WCGO 2019 papers and will be published in the conference proceedings, in a bound volume by Springer-Verlag in their Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing series. All the Special Sessions will be centralized as tracks in the same conference submission and reviewing system as the regular papers.

Please send the Workshop / Special Session proposals to Prof. Hoai An Le Thi with the following information:

1. Title & acronym of the special session or workshop
2. Brief profiles of special session or workshop organizers
3. General description of the special session or workshop scope
4. List of topics
5. Proposed Session Program Committee (to be invited)

The organizers will be responsible for the advertisement and promotion of the special session and the conference including the Special Session & Workshop webpage preparation. The management of papers review will be achieved by Special Session & Workshop Committees, using the Conference System (a separate Sciencesconf platform track will be provided for each Special Session & Workshop). The organizers are responsible for managing the review process. All the reviews should be submitted through the WCGO conference system. Each paper should obtain at least two reviews. The final decision as for the acceptance will be taken by the WCGO 2019 Program Committee based on recommendations provided by Special Session & Workshop organizers.

IMPORTANT DATES

Special Session & Workshop Proposals: **1 December 2018**
Special Session & Workshop Notification: **8 December 2018**
Submission of papers: **31 January 2019**
Notification of acceptance: **28 February 2019**
Registration and payment: **15 March 2019**
Conference: **8-10 July 2019**

We look forward to collaborating with you in ensuring the success of WCGO 2019 !

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of WCGO 2019 Program Chairs