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# **ABOUT ISORA 2011**

#### THEME AND SCOPE

After the past 9 successful ISORA symposia, the 10th International Symposium on Operations Research and Its Applications in engineering, technology and management (ISORA), will be held in Dunhuang in Gansu, a northwestern province of China, from August 28 to 31, 2011.

ISORA is a series international symposium organized by Asia-Pacific Operations Research Center (APORC) under APORS and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), with goals to provide an international forum for scientists, researchers, educators, and practitioners in OR/MS to exchange ideas and approaches, to present research findings and state-of-the-art solutions, to share experiences on potentials and limits, and to open new avenues of research and developments, on all issues and topics related to the theories and applications of Operations Research. The previous 9 ISORAs under the support of CAS and National Science Foundation of China (NSFC) have been considered very successful and attracted many international scholars.

The theme of ISORA 2011 focuses on both OR techniques and applications in engineering, technology and management. We are particularly interested in submissions that report on experimental and applied research motivated by real-world problems. Theoretical and applied papers are expected to show convincingly the usefulness and efficiency of OR methods and algorithms discussed in a practical setting. Typical, but not exclusive, topics of interest are:

Optimization Theory and Applications
Deterministic and Stochastic Models
Algorithm Analysis and Design
Graph Theory and Combinatorics
Supply Chain and Logistics Management
Marketing Science
Reliability
OR Methods in Bioinformatics
Applications in Engineering, Technology and Management
Complex Networks

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In the Proceedings of the Tenth International Symposium on Operations Research and its Applications in engineering, technology and management (ISORA 2011), the papers are indexed by ISTP (Index to Scientific & Technical Proceedings).

Forty-one papers in this volume cover wide range of operations research and its applications. Authors of these papers come from China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao, Japan, United States, Canada, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Algeria. Many active researchers in various areas contributed their overview and introduction in their fields besides specific deep research achievements. During the symposium, focusing sessions are organized such as in policy study, logistics, supply chain management, scheduling, queueing, network optimization, bioinformatics, and management science.

ISORA 2011 is held in Dunhuang. Dunhuang was a major stop on the ancient Silk Road. For centuries, Buddhist monks at Dunhuang collected scriptures from the West, and many pilgrims passed through the area, painting murals inside the Mogao Caves, or Mogao Grottoes (also known as the Caves of Thousand Buddhas). The Mogao Caves are one of the three famous ancient Buddhist sculptural sites of China. We hope all the participants will enjoy very much not only the academic exchange, but also the cultural exchange and beautiful trip of Dunhuang.

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