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ABOUT ISORA'05

THEME AND SCOPE

The 5th International Symposium on Operations Research and Its Applications (ISORA'05), organized by Asia & Pacific Operations Research Center (APORC), Institute of Applied Mathematics, Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, CAS, and the Operations Research Society of China, is held in Lhasa–Nyingchi, Tibetan Autonomous Region, China from August 8 to 13, 2005. Cosponsors of ISORA'05 also include Natural Science Foundation of China and China Talent Fund.

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