



## Metaheuristics for Rich Vehicle Routing Problems

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Vehicle routing problems (VRPs) represent a rapidly growing research domain in operations research and combinatorial optimization, aiming to develop mathematical models and efficient solution methods. As underlined by Laporte (2009), VRPs are nice laboratory-problems to test new ideas in algorithmics and optimization. Recent trends try to tackle rich VRPs, i.e., problems including many real-world constraints and requiring metaheuristics to solve the large instances met in practice.

An upcoming Special Issue of the journal *Algorithms* is dedicated to recent advances on metaheuristic design and implementation for rich and/or large scale vehicle routing problems. Interested authors are invited to submit original work to this Special Issue coordinated by Prof. Christian Prins and Dr. Nacima Labadie.





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