



Variable Neighborhood Search for Symmetrical and Asymmetrical Optimization Problems

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Dear Colleagues,

The 8th International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (ICVNS 2021), will be held in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E., on 21–25 March 2021 (<http://www.icvns2020.info>), and will continue the success of the previous ICVNS conferences. It will provide a stimulating environment in which researchers from various scientific fields can share and discuss their knowledge, expertise, and ideas related to the VNS metaheuristic and its applications. A key goal of the ICVNS conferences is the interdisciplinary synergy between scientists in the areas of operations research, computer science, and artificial intelligence, in order to mutually develop new methods for various optimization problems and machine learning tasks. This call for papers is dedicated to contributions on theoretical, methodological, or applied aspects of the VNS metaheuristic. Although we strongly encourage submissions from authors who attended ICVNS 2021, this call for papers is also open and welcomes submissions from the entire community of academics and practitioners. Please note that all submitted papers must be within the general scope of the Symmetry journal.





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