



## Call for Papers

### Special issue on “Progress on Variable Neighborhood Search and its Applications”

The Variable Neighborhood Search (VNS) metaheuristic is based on systematic changes in the neighborhood structure within a search, and has been successfully applied for solving various combinatorial, global optimization problems, and related tasks.

A special issue of [Optimization Letters](#) (I.F.: 1.310, SJR: 0.721) will be edited after the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Variable Neighborhood Search (ICVNS 2018), which will be held in Halkidiki, Greece (Porto Carras Meliton Hotel) October 4-7, 2018. Although this special issue is linked to the forthcoming ICVNS 2018 conference, this Call for Papers is open to the entire community of academics and practitioners. This call is devoted to submissions on theoretical, methodological or applied aspects of VNS. The objective of this special issue is to present recent advances in the methodology and novel applications in practical optimization problems, informatics, engineering, and related areas.

Manuscripts should be prepared using [Springer’s LaTeX macro package](#) and submitted through the journal's editorial manager <http://optl.edmgr.com>. Optimization Letters features concise, short articles, limited to a total of 15 journal pages. Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of Optimization Letters. Papers should be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Submission system opens on October 8, 2018, and the -extended- paper submission deadline is March 31, 2019. Select "S.I: VNS2018" for the paper type when submitting your contribution. All papers will go through a regular peer review process.

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