Special Issue Scheduling in Manufacturing, Information and Service Industries

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Scheduling is a decision-making process that plays an essential role in most manufacturing, information and service industries. Therefore, it is of great importance to develop systematic methods to address the scheduling problems that arise in these industries. Substantial benefits can be achieved through the use of scheduling techniques to improve the resource utilization at different levels of decision-making process leading to increased efficiency, capacity utilization and improvement in organizational profitability. Therefore, efficient scheduling is a must in today's extremely competitive environment. There has been an increasing interest on the scheduling problems. This special issue has provided an opportunity to the scheduling community to publish papers that contribute to the applications, solution methods, and theory of scheduling problems.

The call for papers for this special issue of IJOR resulted in submissions from 16 different countries. Due to large number of submissions, not all accepted papers can fit in a single issue, and therefore, some papers will appear in subsequent issues of IJOR.

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