

# Editorial

This year marks the fourth year of publication of the Journal of Global Optimization (JOGO). We are very pleased with the quality of papers published in the journal and the reception received from the optimization community.

With this issue, I formally start my term as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Global Optimization. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Professor Reiner Horst, the Founding Editor, for his excellent contribution to JOGO since its inception. I am pleased that he has agreed to continue as an Advisory Editor. I would also like to thank all members of the editorial board for helping JOGO to become a high quality scientific journal. As you can see in this issue, the editorial organization has been revised. This organization will be evaluated periodically. In addition, JOGO is starting its fourth year of publication with eight issues per year.

As stated in the first issue of JOGO, the journal will publish carefully refereed papers dealing with every theoretical, computational and applicational aspect of global optimization and closely related fields. As a Managing Editor, I intend to continue the same policy and to build upon the journal's accomplishments in a number of ways.

First, I hope to involve the engineering communities in the journal activities on a more regular basis. There are many engineering problems of great practical importance that have been formulated and solved as global optimization problems. We invite our readership to submit their best work to JOGO and to encourage their colleagues to do the same.

Second, more emphasis will be given to software development for solving global optimization problems. Starting with this issue, JOGO will regularly include a "Software Section" describing global optimization software and discussing related issues. We are going also to continue the "Problem Section" and carefully published "Book Reviews".

Third, we plan to occasionally publish special issues of JOGO dedicated to recent important areas that have an impact in the interface of many disciplines. This should reflect the wide spectrum of applications of global optimization.

I would like to encourage everyone involved with the journal to contact me with ideas and suggestions regarding JOGO. Through a joint effort, I am confident that JOGO will continue to be successful. I thank you in advance for your support.

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