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Editorial

This special issue of *Journal of Global Optimization* consists of selected papers presented at the Workshop on Global Optimization held at the University of Trier, 31 August and 1 September 1997.

The contributions of carefully refereed articles focuses on the following topics of current interest in global optimization: optimality conditions and duality (Oettli and Schläger, Hiriart-Urruty), deterministic methods (Bomze, Kaplan and Tichatschke, Jaumard and Meyer, Raber), stochastic methods (Zabinsky, Schoen), and stochastic process approaches for problems dealing with black-box functions (Jones, Schonlau and Welch).

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