

Editorial

Being the editor-in-chief of an international journal is a great honor. It is also a major challenge to attract the best papers for the journal, and a great responsibility to improve its reputation. With this issue we start the 16th Volume of the Journal of Global Optimization (JOGO) with 12 issues per year. We plan to extend the areas of our coverage to include control theory, variational problems, and generalized convexity. We are very pleased with the quality of papers published in the journal and the reception that it continues to receive from the optimization community.

During the last two decades, global optimization has been a very fruitful area of research, as reflected by the many books, papers, and conferences devoted to it. Furthermore, exciting advances in many interdisciplinary fields use global optimization techniques as a basic tool. Examples of such interdisciplinary work include research in computational and molecular biology, telecommunications, finance, and all fields of engineering. We plan to continue publishing excellent papers and have JOGO serve as the main forum for publishing the most important results related to global optimization.

This year the Journal of Global Optimization instituted an annual Best Paper Award consisting of a prize that includes a 3 year free subscription and a certificate. Anyone other than current members of the prize committee is eligible for the Best Paper Award. The members of the prize committee would appreciate nominations for the prize. However, a person does not have to be nominated to win the award. The prize committee will consist of the editor-in-chief and another two members of the editorial board of JOGO. The 1999 Best Paper Award Committee consists of H. Sherali and S. Vavasis. The deadline for the 1999 Best Paper Award award is May 1, 2000

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the new and continuing members of the editorial board of JOGO for agreeing to serve. I would like also to thank the departing members for their time of dedicated service.

Please send me your suggestions, concerns, and comments regarding JOGO any time. JOGO will maintain its excellent quality and reputation only with your support.

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