



## Preface

This is the second special issue of *Journal of Global Optimization* which is devoted to a selection of papers presented during the International Workshop on Global Optimization, GO '99, held in Florence, Italy, from 28 September to 2 October, 1999. (for more information see <http://globopt.dsi.unifi.it/go.99/>)

The workshop was extremely successful and we, as organizers and guest editors of these special issues, were very pleased about receiving a large number of highly qualified papers. Following the first special issue, which was published in *Journal of Global Optimization* Volume 18, No.4 (December 2000), this issue contains a second group of 6 papers. A third issue is planned to appear later this year.

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