

**Call for papers -- Special Session on:  
Combinatorial optimization and applications to service systems**

**for ICSSSM08**

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**Session chairs**

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**Session description**

For several decades, the combinatorial problems have constituted a privileged topic. Motivated by their concrete industrial applications, several research teams studied these problems and proposed various models and resolution approaches. The aim of this special session is to present the recent works in this field. Theoretical and practical works can both be submitted. Works with an applicative aspect related to the service systems are particularly encouraged. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following topics:

**Topics**

- ▶ **Combinatorial optimization**
- ▶ **Exact methods applied to solve combinatorial problems**
- ▶ **Heuristic and metaheuristic approaches,**
- ▶ **Case study**
- ▶ **Applications to Service Systems**

**Submission**

Express your intention of submission and send your full paper (according to the conference format) to [mahjoub.dridi@utbm.fr](mailto:mahjoub.dridi@utbm.fr) and [imed.kacem@utt.fr](mailto:imed.kacem@utt.fr)

**The accepted papers will be proposed for possible publication in some special issues of international journals after a second evaluation.**

November 1, 2007: deadline for paper submission

December 15, 2007: notification of acceptance/reject

28 February 2008: deadline for final paper.