



Computers & Operations Research ***Operations Research for Health Care***

Incoming Editor-in-Chief Announcements

Elsevier is pleased to announce that **Professor Stefan Nickel** will be moving from Editor of [*Computers & Operations Research*](#) to [*Operations Research for Health Care*](#) from 1st January 2016.

Professor Stefan Nickel, [Dean of the Faculty of Economics](#) at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), has been the Editor-in-Chief of *Computers & Operations Research* since January 2007 and during that time has made a significant contribution to the Journal's current strong position within the field. Under Stefan's editorship, the Impact Factor has almost doubled, from 0.893 in 2006 to **1.861** in 2015, placing it consistently in the top 20 journals within the Thomson Reuters Operations Research & Management Science category. The Journal is now fully established as the home for novel and significant OR work containing extensive numerical experiments.



Ready to steer *Computers & OR* further in its upward trajectory, **Professor Francisco Saldanha da Gama** will be taking over the editorship from January. Francisco is [Professor of Operations Research](#) at the Department of Statistics and Operations Research at the Faculty of Science, University of Lisbon, where he received his Ph.D. in 2002. He has extensively published papers in the areas of location theory, supply chain management, logistics and combinatorial optimization and has been an Area Editor of *Computers & OR* since the role was introduced in 2013. As a result, he is already very familiar with the workflow and procedures and is keen to take on this new role: **"It's a big responsibility to serve as Editor-in-Chief of *Computers & OR* after Stefan Nickel but this also means a big challenge that I'm looking forward to facing."**

Operations Research for Health Care was launched in 2012 and focuses on the development and use of OR techniques in health and health care. It publishes high-quality OR approaches to problems in health care from researchers and practitioners. Stefan is an excellent fit as Editor for the Journal: as well as his clear credentials in developing *Computers & OR*, he has been working on bringing OR methods to health care for more than 15 years. Stefan coordinated the Health Care Management working group within the German OR society (GOR) and has published extensively in the subject. He has also had several research projects in the area, including direct research contracts with health institutions. **"I am very much looking forward to taking over the editorship of *OR for Health Care*, as a continuation of my 15 years' work to bring the benefits of operations research to health care",** says Stefan. **"There couldn't be a better fit."**



Having developed and nurtured *OR for Health Care* during its formative years, Professor Martin Utley of the [Clinical Operational Research Unit](#) at University College London is pleased to be leaving the Journal in such capable hands: **"I've loved**

working with authors and our excellent panel of reviewers to publish some great work that illustrates what OR has to offer health care and would like to thank everyone for their contributions. *OR for Health Care* now deserves an Editor with the drive, vision and experience to take it to the next level and that is Stefan.” Martin will continue to support the journal as an active member of the Editorial Board during Stefan’s editorship, in addition to working on his own expanding portfolio of research.

Elsevier would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Martin for his commitment and hard work on *OR for Health Care* over the last four years, as well as to thank Stefan for his nine years’ dedication to *Computers & OR*. We would like to welcome both Stefan and Francisco to their new roles as Editors-in-Chief of key OR journals.

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Professor Stefan Nickel will take over the position of Editor-in-Chief of [Operations Research for Health Care](#); Professor Francisco Saldanha da Gama will become Editor-in-Chief of [Computers & Operations Research](#). Both changes will take effect on 1st January 2016, although there will be periods of overlap to ensure that all submitted articles are handled efficiently during the transition.