WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the Workshop is English.

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ACCOMMODATION

This is the responsibility of each participant. The organizers have reserved a block of accommodation until April 01, 2004, see <u>http://www.utia.cas.cz/AS/CMP04/index.html</u>

ENQUIRIES

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CMP'04: MULTIPLE PARTICIPANT DECISION MAKING

Theory, algorithms, software and applications

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<u>TED</u>

The TED project aims to develop Bayesian support of societal decision making in order to enable a shift from e-administration towards true e-democracy. For detailed information please see http://bayes.escet.urjc.es/ted

<u>CMP</u>

CMP (Computer-Intensive Methods in Control and Data Processing) is the sixth in a series of workshops addressing the common problem known as "curse of dimensionality", namely the extreme dimensionality of computations connected with implementation of theoretically optimal mathematical procedures of inference and decision-making.

<u>CMP'04 ~ TED & CMP</u>

A principal concern of the TED project is multiple-participant decision making, relevant in business, management, medicine, investment, environmental issues, etc. The search for adequate problem formulations that lead to feasible solutions will be essential for future progress. The challenges include

- > Partially pre-determined hierarchical structures;
- Differences in data, objectives and decision spaces;
- > Complexity of some or all elements of the decision problem;
- > Substantial extent of the uncertainties involved.

These issues (as well as other instances of the curse of dimensionality) are often solved using ad hoc simplifications at the cost of losing a lot from the theoretical properties of the optimal solution. However, there are powerful principles with wide applicability that can now be used to attack these complex problems. The key idea of the Workshop is that the generic nature of these problems offers the a chance to learn from each other across borders of disciplines.

AIM

The aim of this TED Workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners working in academia, government and industry in order to

- (i) Formulate the complexity-influenced problems within areas of multiple-participant decision making, which should be addressed by the technology providers;
- (ii) Offer technique developed in disparate research and application areas that can be used in solving these problems.

TOPICS

A considerable space will be given to invited lectures by leading specialists in various fields. This will create a firm backbone for this strongly inter-disciplinary Workshop. Several sessions of contributed papers, posters and computer demonstrations will complement them. The topics relevant to the Workshop include:

- > Decision-making problems with multiple participants;
- Models of complex dynamic systems;
- Techniques of uncertainty management;
- Design of decision strategies and optimization techniques;
- Software and hardware issues;
- > Case studies and lessons learnt in real-life applications.

PAPER SUBMISSION & REGISTRATION

All papers accepted for the Workshop will appear in the electronic Workshop preprints. The Workshop proceedings containing a selection of the best papers will be published. There will be an award for the best contributed paper presented at the Workshop.

(1) Papers will be considered for inclusion in the Workshop, based on prior submission of a draft of full paper (16 pages).

(2) Electronic submissions in the .ps or .pdf formats will be accepted.

(3) The author's package can be downloaded at the web site referred at the top.

(4) Submissions should be uploaded to http://www.utia.cas.cz/AS_dept/CMP04/form.html

Please register as soon as possible by filling the REGISTRATION FORM.

DEADLINES

Draft of the paper:December 15, 2003Notification of acceptance:January 30, 2004Receipt of the final paper:April 15, 2004

FEE

Before December 10, 2003

basic fee	150 Euros
student fee	75 Euros

After December 10, 2003

basic fee	225 Euros
student fee	100 Euros

The registration fee covers participation in regular, poster and computer sessions, one set of preprints, welcome party, conference dinner and three lunches. Please pay the registration fee by direct bank transfer to the account of the ESF TED Workshop (CMP'04). The account details are

Bank:	CSOB Pobocka Praha 8
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CANCELLATION

If you cancel your registration before February 20, 2004, you will be refunded 50 percent of the registration fee. No refund can be made after this date. The preprints will be sent by mail in all cases of cancellation.

VENUE

The Workshop ESF-TED Workshop (CMP'04) will be held at the Institute of Information Theory and Automation Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Pod vodarenskou vezi 4, 182 08 Prague 8.

No parallel sessions are planned and sufficient space will be given to informal discussions.