



## EDITORIAL

This special issue contains peer reviewed papers presented during an international conference on optimization with applications at the Department of Mathematics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India. Q.H Ansari and S.K Mishra were designated editors of the issue. The issue is dedicated to Prof. H.P. Dikshit, recipient of Dr. Zakir Husain Award in January 2009.

In this issue there are twelve research papers devoted to different aspects of the theme of the conference, for example Elango et al., have studied Hybrid Methodologies for Balanced Multi-Robot Task Allocation and Path Minimization in their paper, while the paper of Bhattacharya et al., deals with Portfolio Selection of Independent R & D Projects. The editor-in-chief and the press management take this opportunity to thank editors Q. H. Ansari and S.K. Mishra as well as all referees for sparing their valuable time to bring out this issue.

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