



A tribute to Rudolf Vetschera

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Abstract

On the occasion of the 65th birthday of Prof. Dr. Rudolf Vetschera, colleagues from all over the world contributed their works in order to compile an issue that is meant as a tribute to his achievements, wisdom, and kindness.

This issue is dedicated to Prof. Dr. Rudolf Vetschera on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Rudolf Vetschera has served as a member of the editorial board of the Central European Journal of Operations Research (CEJOR) for the past 15 years and has been a co-editor for more than ten years. In addition, he has been an active member of other prestigious editorial boards (e.g., C&OR, EJDP, GDN, ITOR) as well as in several scientific societies (e.g., EURO, GDN, GOR, INFORMS, MCDM). Dr. Vetschera is also an extraordinarily productive researcher, as substantiated by the “BWL Lifetime Ranking” provided by Forschungsmonitoring (2020), in which he is among the top 1% of achievers. He has coauthored more than one hundred papers with several of them being cited more than one hundred times (e.g., Hofacker and Vetschera 2001; Vetschera and De Almeida 2012; Stummer et al. 2015); according to the classification by Way et al. (2017) and Feichtinger et al. (2020), his individual productivity thus represents the “busy pattern” ($Q1$). Besides his impressive research credits, Rudolf Vetschera has influenced several generations of young researchers—two of them, from rather different age cohorts, served as guest editors for this issue—and has greatly furthered the decision sciences, specifically, the fields of decision support systems, multi-criteria decision-making, negotiation analysis, and behavioral OR, by collaborating with colleagues from all over the world.

In preparing the issue, we contacted several of these colleagues and asked them to contribute: most immediately agreed, while others regretted that they could not

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