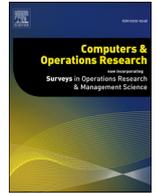




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Editorial

Foreword: COR special issue on computational operations research for drone systems[☆]



Drones (autonomous flying vehicles) are currently in the forefront of technology expansion of many organizations including logistics, security, emergency response, cultivation, and investigative science. There are many complex issues in modeling, solving, and implementing drone systems. These are the issues that are the subject of this endeavor, the first special issue of its kind. From 33 strong submissions from around the globe, reviewers selected the 10 most impactful. These landmark papers are diverse - spanning routing, base station location, reliability, and drone coordination. This special issue is a virtual one, that is, collected online rather than in an actual issue. This was to facilitate expedient publishing of these timely papers. We want to thank the many authors who submitted to the special issue and the diligent reviewers who gave such valuable feedback to all papers, accepted or not. Finally, our thanks to Francisco Saldanha da Gama who supported this effort and facilitated a high quality and timely special issue. To those of you who find these papers educational, thought-provoking, and

inspirational, please share the word about the special issue. Drone systems are quickly evolving and these 10 works contribute to furthering this vital area.

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