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A SPECIAL ISSUE ON OPERATIONS RESEARCH IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR URIEL ROTHBLUM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 75TH BIRTHDAY

This special issue on Operations Research is dedicated to the memory of Professor Uriel Rothblum on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

Uriel Rothblum (Tel Aviv, March 16, 1947 - Haifa, March 26, 2012) was an outstanding Israeli mathematician and operations researcher. He was born in Tel Aviv to a family of Jewish immigrants from Austria. After completing compulsory military service in the IDF, he earned a B.Sc. (Cum Laude) in Applied Mathematics from Tel Aviv University in 1969 and, from the same institution, an M.S. (Summa Cum Laude) in Mathematics with a master thesis supervised by Robert J. Aumann. His Ph.D. was completed in the Department of Operations Research at Stanford in 1974 with Arthur F. Veinott Jr. serving as his Ph.D. advisor. Following a postdoctoral fellowship at the Courant Institute of New York University, he was on the faculty of Yale University (1975-1984). In 1984 Uriel Rothblum joined the Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management at the Technion, where from 1984 until 2012 he held the Alexander Goldberg Chair in Management Science. He became president of the Israeli Operational Research Society (ORSIS) for 2006-2008, and editor-in-chief of Mathematics of Operations Research from 2010 until his death. He was elected to the 2003 class of Fellows of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. Uriel Rothblum published around 170 refereed journal and conference articles and two books.

In this special issue, we present seven papers authored by a selected group of experts in the area of Operations Research. The papers collected here have been contributed by collaborators, friends and colleagues of Uriel Rothblum, who were influenced by his scientific work. These papers cover a wide spectrum of important problems and topics of current research interest. Therefore, we feel that this special issue will be highly important for many researchers, who are interested in recent developments in Operations Research.

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