

Special issue: Twelfth Workshop on Models and Algorithms for Planning and Scheduling Problems (MAPSP 2015)

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This special issue of the *Journal of Scheduling* contains ten papers presented at the Twelfth Workshop on Models and Algorithms for Planning and Scheduling Problems (MAPSP 2015), held from June 8 to June 12, 2015, in La Roche-en-Ardenne, Belgium.

MAPSP is a biennial workshop dedicated to all theoretical and practical aspects of scheduling, planning, and timetabling. Previous MAPSP meetings have been held in Menaggio, Italy (1993), Wernigerode, Germany (1995), Cambridge, UK (1997), Renesse, Netherlands (1999), Aussois, France (2001), Aussois, France (2003), Siena, Italy (2005), Istanbul, Turkey (2007), Kerkrade, Netherlands (2009), Nymburk, Czech Republic (2011), and Pont à Mousson, France (2013).

The twelfth edition of the workshop featured invited talks by Onno Boxma (TU Eindhoven), Michel Goemans (MIT), Rolf Niedermeier (TU Berlin), Willem-Jan Van Hoeve (Carnegie-Mellon University), and Stephan West-

phal (TU Clausthal), as well as 88 contributed talks. Each submission was reviewed by at least three program committee members. The booklet of abstracts and additional information about the workshop are available at <http://www.mapsp2015.com/>.

All participants in the conference were subsequently invited to submit a paper for this special issue of *Journal of Scheduling*. The submissions have undergone the usual reviewing process of the journal, so as to ensure the highest quality for the issue. The outcome of this demanding process is to be found in the next pages.

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