

## CONFERENCE SCOPE

MOPTA is an annual MITACS conference which attracts a diverse group of people from both discrete and continuous optimization. Continuing the successful tradition of previous editions at McMaster (2001-04, 2007), Windsor (2005), and Waterloo (2006), we aim to bring together researchers from the theoretical and applied communities who do not usually get the chance to interact in the stimulating framework of a medium-scale event.

This year's conference will be held on the campus of University of Guelph and is hosted by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Physical Engineering and Science. It is co-sponsored by the Fields Institute, MITACS, and the University of Waterloo.

Guelph and its university are located less than an hour's drive west of the metropolitan area of Toronto in the pleasant heart of Southern Ontario, Canada. Frequent public transportation connects Guelph to Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and Toronto downtown. Guelph is also within easy reach of the city of Hamilton and the Cambridge-Kitchener-Waterloo Tri-City area.

## PLENARY SPEAKERS (TO DATE)

**Florian Jarre**  
Mathematical Institute  
University of Dusseldorf

**Don Jones**  
General Motors

**Joaquim Júdice**  
Department of Mathematics  
University of Coimbra

**Jean Lasserre**  
LAAS-CNRS, Toulouse

**Panos Pardalos**  
Department of Industrial and Systems  
Engineering, University of Florida

**Georgia Perakis**  
Sloan School of Management, MIT

**Yves Smeers**  
Department of Mathematical Engineering  
Catholic University of Louvain

## SPECIAL CELEBRATION

This year's conference will include special sessions and a banquet celebration in honour of the 60th birthday of **Henry Wolkowicz**.

## PARTICIPATION

This is an invitation for organized sessions as well as contributed talks and posters.

Participants interested in organizing an invited session should contact the chair of the organizing committee

**Miguel Anjos** [manjos@uoguelph.ca](mailto:manjos@uoguelph.ca)

Authors wishing to present their research in the form of a contributed talk or poster are encouraged to submit their abstract (in PDF format) by **June 6, 2008** via the conference web page at

[www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/abstracts](http://www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/abstracts)

Notification of acceptance/rejection will be sent shortly after the submission deadline of June 6, 2008.

The up-to-date program and registration information are available at

[www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/program](http://www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/program)  
[www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/registration](http://www.mathstat.uoguelph.ca/mopta/registration)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Friday, June 6, 2008**

Abstract submission deadline.

### **Monday, July 7, 2008**

Early registration deadline.

### **Monday, August 18, 2008**

First day of conference. Poster session.

### **Tuesday, August 19, 2008**

Conference banquet and celebration.

### **Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

Last day of conference.



# Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications

August 18-20, 2008

University of Guelph  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

*Including a special celebration  
of the 60th birthday of  
Henry Wolkowicz*

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