



## **Call for Papers: Special Issue dedicated to Memory of Paul A. Jensen**

As theory and practice merge, we have seen dramatic advances in the design and use of analytic methods across all subdisciplines of operations research, industrial engineering and business-related fields. This has been accompanied by an explosive growth in computer power, which has allowed for ever-wider implementation and the solution of very large-scale problems. On the other hand, much analysis in industry, government, and academia occurs with commonly available software, such as spreadsheets, running on personal computers with limited processing speeds. Because of the pervasiveness of spreadsheet software, if we succeed in making our analytical tools available in such software and in making those success stories known, we can reach a wider audience. For similar reasons, spreadsheet computation can strengthen the teaching of mathematical models and methods, particularly because it can provide a standard interface across topics ranging from optimization and decision analysis to queueing, simulation, and statistics.

Paul A. Jensen was a member of the operations research and industrial engineering faculty at The University of Texas for over 35 years. During that time, he devoted much of his attention to developing computer-based tools to ease the learning curve for those wishing to solve problems arising in operations research, industrial engineering, and operations management. His Microsoft Excel add-ins have been employed by hundreds of thousands of users and are freely available at <http://www.ormm.net>. The breadth and scope of their application is remarkable, with many academic departments adopting them as a foundational tool for their programs. This special ITE issue is dedicated to highlighting uses of such tools in teaching, in developing and analyzing case studies, and in practice.

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### **Submission Timeline**

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August 1 2012: Paper submission deadline

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January 2013: Second round of reviews delivered to authors

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