



## Call for papers

### Special issue on cutting, packing and related problems

The purpose of this special issue is to encourage research dealing with cutting, packing and related problems. Case studies describing successful applications in practice are particularly welcome. Topics for this special issue include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Cutting and packing problems;
- Bin packing;
- Knapsack problems;
- Pallet and container loading;
- Nesting;
- Pattern sequencing;
- Layout problems;
- Multi-processor scheduling; and
- Integrated problems such as cutting and sequencing, lot sizing and cutting, routing and packing, etc.

The submission deadline is **April 30th, 2008**. Early submissions are encouraged. Papers will be sent for review as soon as they are received. Decisions will be made as soon as the reviewers' reports are received. The special issue will be published in **2009**.

Each paper will be peer-reviewed according to the editorial policy of ITOR (<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com>), published by the International Federation of Operational Research Societies – IFORS.

Papers should be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. They should be prepared according to the instructions to authors that can be found at the journal homepage: <http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/submit.asp?ref=0969-6016>

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