

Kevin Gue has moved to the University of Louisville, where he holds the Duthie Chair of Engineering Logistics and serves as Director of the Logistics and Distribution Institute (LoDI).

The University of Catania in Italy awarded its Medal of the University to Anna Nagurney, the John F. Smith Memorial Professor of Operations Management at the Isenberg School of Management, on June 13, 2014. The medal recognizes Anna's contributions to network models and applications, and her support of operations researchers. Professor Giuseppe Mulone, Head of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at Catania, presented the award after Anna's invited lecture, "Equilibria and Dynamics of Supply Chain Competition with Information Asymmetry in Quality and Minimum Quality Standards." She was also given a book on the history of the university, which was founded in 1434.

VeRoLog Doctoral Dissertation Prize 2015 will be launched for outstanding Ph.D. dissertations in Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization discussed in 2014. Submission Deadline Feb 5, 2015 (see www.verolog.eu for the forthcoming details).

VeRoLog Solver Challenge 2015, will be organized in collaboration with PTV. Team Pre-registration Submission Deadline Dec. 31, 2014 (see www.verolog.eu for the forthcoming details).

SIAM has just published the second edition of the book edited by Paolo Toth and Daniele Vigo on Vehicle Routing. This time the book,

titled "Vehicle Routing: Problems, Methods and Applications, second edition," is coupled with a companion book edited by Angel Corberan and Gilbert Laporte titled "Arc Routing: Problems, Methods and Applications."

We are glad to announce the launch of VRP-REP: the vehicle routing problem repository. As a result of the ever-increasing interest in vehicle routing problems, today VRP data (test instances and solutions) is being produced faster than ever. Since the community lacks a centralized open-to-everybody data repository, researchers typically share their data through their personal or institutional websites. As a result, VRP data is spread all over the Internet in tens (maybe hundreds) of different formats. In the past, some important efforts have been made to centralized VRP data (e.g., the TSPLib or the VRP web), but the resulting repositories are "closed" and depend on a single person for maintenance and updating. The VRP-REP project aims to provide the community with a contributive platform for sharing VRP data and with a number of services and tools to make data browsing and processing easier. VRP-REP services include: uploading/downloading datasets (i.e., set of instances); reporting solutions for datasets registered in the platform; linking datasets to problem variants and bibliographical references; browsing best known solutions for registered datasets; and, browsing references per dataset or problem variant. VRP-REP tools include: a universal xml format for data files and open-source code for data reading/writing and solution checking. The success of the VRP-REP initiative depends on everyone's contributions. We invite