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Foreword

The International Network Optimization Conference (INOC) series provides a forum for researchers in the broad field of network optimization to present and publish their latest results and ongoing research. INOC is the conference of the European Network Optimization Group (ENOG), a working group of EURO, the Association of European Operational Research Societies.

INOC 2026 is the 12th conference of this group and took place at HEC Liège, Management School of Liège University, Liège, Belgium, April 22-24, 2026. Previous INOC conferences have run since 2003, and were held in Paris (2003), Lisbon (2005), Spa (2007), Pisa (2009), Hamburg (2011), Tenerife (2013), Warsaw (2015), Lisbon (2017), Avignon (2019), Aachen (2022) and Dublin (2024).

INOC 2026 has two types of submissions: full research papers (4-6 pages long) and extended abstracts (at most 2 pages). Among the submitted full research papers, 22 were selected by the program committee for publication in this OpenProceedings volume.

In addition to contributed papers, three invited speakers presented keynote talks:

- William Cook, University of Waterloo, Canada,
“*The Traveling Salesman Problem: Package Deliveries, Pub Walks, and Astro Tours*”,
- Jannis Kurtz, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands,
“*Explainable Optimization: New Perspectives and Challenges*”,
- Angelika Wiegele, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria,
“*Semidefinite programming based bounds for the quadratic minimum spanning tree problem*”.

Over 85 participants from all over the world enjoyed the scientific programme and a range of social and cultural activities which took place in the heart of the city of Liège. In addition to a welcome cocktail and conference dinner, participants could enjoy a breaking-ice social activity on Thursday afternoon.

We are grateful to all participants who made INOC 2026 a special place to exchange scientific ideas and come together in a very friendly environment. This organization would not have been possible without the help and constant support of the organizing committee that I would like to heartfully thank here. I also want to thank the steering committee for their valuable advice and the members of the program committee for their active participation in the review process. Finally, I am grateful to our sponsors for their support: our platinum sponsor Hexaly, as well as HEC Liège for making the spaces in the school available to us, and finally the European Network Optimization Group (ENOG), EURO, and the Belgian OR Society (ORBEL).

For more details see the conference website: <https://www.euro-online.org/inoc2026>.

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