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To whom it may concern

ROADEF (Société Française de Recherche Opérationnelle et d'Aide à la Décision) is an association following the French law of 1901. Its purpose is to promote Operations Research and Decision Science in France, facilitating technological transfer to businesses and the teaching of the discipline in basic courses as well as in training. ROADEF is member of the international associations EURO and IFORS. As such, ROADEF also supports scientific journal in Operations Research.

As a scientific society, our aim is to facilitate the development and spreading of knowledge for the scientific, technological and cultural progress of humanity. Our fundamental guideline is the scientific relevance, correctness and reproducibility of the results in our field. It is also highly relevant to us that these results are made available to the widest possible set of users, to facilitate their practical application and the cross-pollination between different scientific and technological fields. Yet, access to scientific information is for the most part restricted to organizations willing and able to pay the large amount of money required to secure such access. It is clear that this potentially diminishes the diffusion of the results, and therefore their scientific and social utility, besides bearing a significant financial burden to those organizations, which may be otherwise spent to further develop the discipline.

The Open Journal of Mathematical Optimization (OJMO) publishes articles dealing with every aspect of mathematical optimization, ranging from numerical aspects and computational issues to the theoretical questions related to mathematical optimization problems. These topics squarely fall within the scientific interest of ROADEF. Furthermore, OJMO will publish papers in fair open access for free, meaning that neither the authors nor the reader have to pay to access the content of the published papers. As such, publishing fees cannot have any impact on the publication process, which is therefore set to be only guided by the fundamental principles of relevance, correctness and reproducibility of the results. Provided that the Editorial Board of the journal effectively guarantees the originality and high-quality of the published articles, which can be measured in some well-established ways, there is no reason why publishing on OJMO should be considered any differently than publishing on more established venues. Given the wider availability to the general public of the results, their relevance might be higher. Indeed, by improving the dissemination of the results OJMO actually addresses a significant issue of the current scientific publication process, making it currently unique and valuable among the other publications of the field.

ROADEF is therefore willing to support this initiative. This means that ROADEF will advertise the journal on its website, and encourage the community to recognize the value of the papers published in the journal.

With our best regards.  
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