

EDITORIAL

As our Readers have certainly noticed, with the present issue we are back to “normal” or “general” after the unprecedented series of four (!) special issues, namely: *Decision Support in Negotiations and Policy Determination*, 22, 4, 1993, edited by L. Kruś, Z. Nahorski and J.W. Owsinski, *Parametric Optimization*, 23, 1-2, 1994 edited by K. Malanowski, *Shape Design and Optimization*, 23, 3, 1994, and *Modelling, Identification, Sensitivity Analysis and Control of Structures*, 23, 4, 1994, the two latter ones edited by J. Sokolowski. This series was in a way an exception to our policy of publishing one or – maximum – two special issues per annual volume, but we considered the material contained in these four issues to be valuable enough to justify the exception.

It is planned to have one special issue in the present 24th annual volume, namely issue no. 4, devoted to clustering, with special emphasis on optimization. Other special issues are also under preparation, like the one on simulated annealing or on applications of the fuzzy set theory. They will be published successively in 1996 and 1997. Thus, we try to keep the balance between the “general” and the “special”, similarly as we try to equilibrate theoretic, methodological and applied, and to keep various domains of interest represented.

We hope that this flexible strategy is to the advantage of our Readers, the journal, and the progress in respective fields.

Editors

