

FOREWORDS

This issue contains a selection of the contributed papers presented in the **IV Workshop on Operations Research** which took place in Universidad de La Habana, September 10-14, 2001. Its theme was Applications of Operations Research to Economy.

It was organized by Universidad de La Habana with the coauspice of Humboldt University. The conference received a considerable support from the German Service of Academic Cooperation, DAAD, and Hans Seidel Foundation. A Round Table was devoted to the analysis of Cuban perspectives in applying Operations Research in the Economy with respect to international experiences. It was chaired by L. Rodríguez-Marín (Spain).

Spanish experiences were presented (L. Pedreira and C. Cerdá), as well as the point of view of an argentinian entrepreneur (L. Fuks) and the result and perspectives of cuban university projects (N. Alonso). The projections and experiencies of the use of OR-tools in cuban enterprises were discussed by managers from Mercadu, Empresa de Telecomunicaciones S.A., Cámara de Comercio (Commerce Chamber).

The structure by country of the participants is given in Table 1.

NATIONALITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKSHOP

Argentine	Cuba	Germany	Italy	Japan	Spain	TOTAL
3	17	8	1	1	12	42

The next edition will take place in 2003.

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