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The International Conference on Optimization, Simulation and Control (COSC2010) was held during July 25–28, 2010 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The conference was endorsed by

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- The Institute of Mathematics of Mongolia,
- The Mongolian Academy of Sciences,
- Mongolian Science Technology Foundation,
- Mongolian University of Science and Technology,
- Embassy of the United States in Mongolia,
- University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines and
- PRiSM-CNRS, France.

This meeting was the third event in the series of conferences on optimization and control in Mongolia started in 2002. The second event took place in 2007 and contributions of these preceding conferences appeared respectively in a volume entitled "Optimization and Optimal Control" published by the World Scientific Publishers [3] and in a special issue of the journal "Optimization" [2], in "Springer Optimization and Its Applications" serie [1].

This time the presentations were done by speakers coming from 16 countries. The participants were invited to submit their contribution to a special issue.

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This special issue contains a selective collection of carefully refereed papers based on talks presented during the third conference. These papers deal with both theoretical and practical aspects of Optimization and Control.

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