



Preface: Queueing theory and network applications

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This issue of the *Annals of Operations Research* is devoted to recent advances in queueing theory and network applications. This special issue was open to all researchers in the field and in particular, we encouraged the authors of the papers presented in “The 11th International Conference on Queueing Theory and Network Applications (QTNA2016), Wellington, New Zealand, December 13–15, 2016” to submit their extended versions. We received in total 36 submissions from many countries all over the world. After a strict review process, we selected 11 papers to include in this special issue. The contents of the special issue can be classified into two groups; recent developments in queueing theory in the first six papers and advances in network applications in the next five papers.

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