

EURO2015 Mentor Profiles

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Shahzeb Ali Malik

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

I received PhD in Information Systems from Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester. My research work was mainly based on identifying the issues with the use of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) in the banking industry in which I studied the performance of CRM system and how the CRM system is perceived by bank employees working in different countries having different backgrounds and cultures (i.e. perception and culture). I'm also familiar with (and comfortable speaking on) various other business management/information systems topics and several research methods and theories.

Mentoring Topics

- Information Systems/Business Management
- Risk Management
- Research Methods

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Ana Isabel Barros

Mentoring Languages

English, Dutch, Portuguese

Summary of background and experience

A.I. Barros is Principal Scientist at TNO, Senior Research Fellow at the Netherlands Defence Academy (NLDA) and examiner for the Dutch Police Academy (PA). After completing her Master degree on Operational Research and Statistics, she obtained a PhD degree at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands in 1995. In the last twenty years she has been involved in a wide scope of military and security operation analysis projects varying from air defense, strategic and operational planning, command and control, intelligence to logistics modeling. Besides being an author of numerous scientific papers and technical reports she contributes regularly to the curriculum at Dutch universities and training courses at the NLDA, PA and the Defence Intelligence and Security Institute.

Mentoring Topics

- Agile and Robust Planning
- Decision Making
- Defence and Security applications

Interesting Fact

Strong international network and experience in linking practice and theory.

Website

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Debarun Bhattacharjya

Mentoring Languages

English, Hindi, Bengali

Summary of background and experience

I am a researcher in the Decision Analytics team in the broader Cognitive Computing Research group at IBM T. J. Watson Research Center in New York. My primary research interests lie in decision theory/analysis, as applied to various decision problems in management science, artificial intelligence and machine learning. I have been at IBM for almost 7 years. My applied work has spanned several domains, including energy, sales, business services, transportation, consumer products and public policy. Earlier, I received my M.S. and Ph.D from the Management Science and Engineering Dept. from Stanford University.

Mentoring Topics

- Working in a research lab - some pros and cons
- Working in multi-disciplinary teams
- Communicating technical ideas and results

Interesting Fact

I am a part-time musician and occasionally play in a band in the New York area.

Website

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Rosemary Byde

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

I work for a bank. The job of my team is to protect our customers from fraud. We do this by using advanced analytical techniques to identify patterns in data and separate genuine customer activity from that of criminals. The team's skills are highly valued and we are in a time of change. Our remit is expanding to also help our colleagues set fair and responsible credit risk strategies for customers. I set direction, coordinate activity, provide advice, liaise with stakeholders and look after people. Sometimes I need to use my technical skills and industry knowledge. Many other times I draw on my general strengths and experience. My role is to build and lead a high performing team.

Mentoring Topics

- Making your CV interesting
- Managing people development for a technical team
- Communicating technical topics with clear writing

Interesting Fact

I've been on TV several times in programmes featuring endurance sporting events. I love being outdoors and spend most of my free time getting active. Read more at www.planetbyde.com. For balance, I've also been learning Italian for several years.

Alex Fleischer

Mentoring Languages

French

Summary of background and experience

Alex Fleischer is an Optimization Expert at IBM in Europe. His expertise is in computer science, mathematics, artificial intelligence and Optimization. He has recently been involved in several projects with financial institutions in Europe including commercial banks, securities companies and central banks. He graduated from Sup Aéro in 1996 with a degree in aerospace engineering, in mathematics and in artificial intelligence. 3 years in IT and then 15 in Analytics, as a consultant, an optimization engineer, a quality manager and a technical account manager convinced Alex that Analytics in general and Optimization in particular lead to huge return on investment whatever the business field, energy, finance, healthcare ... simply do more with less Alex is passionate in making his customers understand and then benefit from Analytics. He enjoys mathematical puzzles and good books. He also likes traveling and has visited 40 countries.

Mentoring Topics

- Optimization

Website

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Frédéric Gardi

Mentoring Languages

French; English

Summary of background and experience

Frédéric Gardi is VP Products at Innovation 24, the business analytics and optimization subsidiary of the Bouygues Group (€33 billion in revenues, 128,000 employees). Having conducted OR projects during 15 years in various business areas, he now manages the R&D as well as the sales and marketing of LocalSolver, a new kind of mathematical optimization solver. He holds a PhD in computer science from Aix-Marseille University (2005). Expert in the design and engineering of high-performance local-search algorithms, he won several international OR competitions: 1st Junior and Senior Prize of ROADEF 2005 Challenge, 2nd Senior Prize of ROADEF 2007 Challenge, ROADEF 2011 1st Prize for Industrial Applications. He has published a dozen of papers in highly-selective international journals and conferences at the interfaces of discrete mathematics, computer science and operations research. In 2012, he was the recipient of the Robert Faure 1st Prize, awarded every three years by the French Operations Research Society (ROADEF) to a young deserving OR researcher, and finalist of the EURO Excellence in Practice Award. He is currently serving as president of ROADEF.

Mentoring Topics

- Managing personal development and a career
- Managing a team
- Making more of an impact

Interesting Fact

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Website

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Gillian Groom

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

I have spent 25 years delivering analytical projects and communicating their benefits to a wide range of audiences, primarily in financial services. I have worked for and with most of the large financial services organisations in the UK, including VISA, Lloyds Banking group, Barclaycard, HSBC, FICO and Santander. Until Sept 2014 I worked for Southampton Uni finding summer projects for MSc students in OR and have a knowledge of the type of analytical and personal skills required from leading employers. In addition to helping these students in securing employability skills, I secured a complete career change for myself in 2014 and in started employment as a technical training for the statistical software company Minitab, where most of our clients are in Manufacturing and the prime usage is in statistics for quality management.

Mentoring Topics

- Career development, practical advice on finding and securing a new role
- Communicating analytics to non-analytical colleagues
- Skills you need to develop to be a "great" analyst

Interesting Fact

Don't tell anyone but I'm statistician who solves problems with statistics, OR & common sense !

Website

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Andy Harrison

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

25 years in operational research in government (MoD) and consulting to government (MoD and Dept. of Transport). Currently leading the delivery of analytics solutions to financial services and the energy sector. Specialising in the application of mathematical optimisation.

Mentoring Topics

- Transitioning from technical 'doer' to managing technical teams
- Writing a good CV and doing well in interviews
- Influencing non technical people

Interesting Fact

I volunteer for things too much; six months out it seems such a small thing!

Website

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Philip Jones

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

Over 30 years undertaking OR within UK Government, undertaking activities ranging from modelling, statistical analysis and more recently a significant emphasis in the use of judgemental, soft OR, techniques.

Mentoring Topics

- OR in the UK public sector
- Ensuring your work is exploited and exploitable
- Use of Soft OR methods

Interesting Fact

I am a dinghy instructor.

Website

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Ruth Kaufman

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

I have 30 years experience of doing OR and managing OR staff, teams and departments, as well as general management, strategic planning and change management at levels up to and including Board level. Over the years my practice has become less and less mathematical, more pragmatic/strategic/consultative. My senior experience is mainly in public sector in-house work, small-medium-sized organisations (from 10-300 staff), with some independent consultancy and third sector work. I am currently a Visiting Senior Fellow at LSE and President Elect of the OR Society.

Mentoring Topics

- Having an impact through communication, consultancy skills, choice of work
- Leading and managing OR, strategy and change
- Career and professional development

Interesting Fact

I didn't know what O.R. was till the day before my first interview for an O.R. job - and it's taken me 30 years to find out.

Website

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David Lowe

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

David works as a 'Technical Consultant' in the Defence and Security Analysis Division of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory. When not working at Dstl, David is a Research Engineer at the University of Bristol, where his focus is on how to apply/adapt/develop problem structuring methods to support executive decision-making in complex situations. David holds a Masters degree in Military Operational Research from the Defence Academy and is an Associate Fellow of the Operational Research Society. He is also a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Systems Studies at the University of Hull.

Mentoring Topics

- Influencing non technical people
- Communicating technical results
- Getting projects implemented

Interesting Fact

I have enjoyed secondments working in London and Washington, D.C.

Stephen Lorrimer

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

I have fifteen years of OR experience in central government, preceded by six years working as a research and development scientist. I am now head of profession for a group of forty OR analysts and directly manage a team of 24 analysts from a variety of backgrounds. I have also worked extensively with academics and (occasionally) with consultants.

Mentoring Topics

- Working in the public sector
- Making an impact in the NHS commissioning environment
- Delivering complex projects to deadline and with impact

Interesting Fact

I have applied modelling methods in astronomy and meteorology as well as OR, and my model of hospital waiting times was based on the principles of computational fluid dynamics.

Website

Find me on LinkedIn – search for “Stephen Lorrimer”

Cemalettin Ozturk

Mentoring Languages

English, Turkish

Summary of background and experience

His research experience includes advanced planning and scheduling, lot sizing and scheduling, assembly line design and scheduling, network design, mathematical and constraint programming, simulation of manufacturing and service systems.

Mentoring Topics

- Making contacts, building a network
- Recruiting, training, rewarding and retaining the right people
- Getting projects implemented

Interesting Fact

Interested in industry oriented research projects.

Website

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Jane Parkin

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

Degrees in Maths and Statistics. First job as trainee actuary (boring!); 20 years as University lecturer, (some of them as HoD) in Statistics and OR, role included consultancy in OR for logistics/supply chain management. 8 years as a Government OR analyst working in DWP and cross-government projects, involved in recruitment for GORS. Now independent OR consultant, member of Jigsaw consultants, projects for major organisations; part-time working at Warwick and Leeds Universities; also several pro bono projects for the third sector.

Mentoring Topics

- Switching sectors
- Going freelance
- Selling your services

Interesting Fact

I have a perfect life; mix of interesting OR and trekking in remote mountains.

Website

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Lawrence Phillips

Mentoring Languages

TBC

Summary of background and experience

TBC

Mentoring Topics

- TBC

Interesting Fact

TBC

Website

TBC

Ramune Sabaniene

Mentoring Languages

English, Lithuanian

Summary of background and experience

Ramune is a senior management consultant at Ebiquity – a global media and marketing insights company. Ramune provides quantitative investment decisions support for marketing and finance directors at both British and global corporations across Retail, Personal Finance, Telecoms, Automotive and FMCG sectors. She leads projects delivering data driven actionable insights that drive more profitable decision making and thus returns from marketing and pricing strategies. Ramune is MSc in Analytics Advisory Board Member at Loughborough School of Business and Economics, an active member of Operational Research Society and Lithuanian City of London Club. Ramune holds an MSc (with distinction) from Warwick Business School and BSc from Cardiff School of Mathematics

Mentoring Topics

- Communicating quantitative analysis results to senior management and CXO
- Transition from PhD into industry (mine as the managers perspective)
- Analytics / statistical projects in cross-disciplinary teams / clients

Interesting Fact

I love hiking and skiing as well as chocolate brownies (+can also make them!)

Website

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Saeed Saljooghi

Mentoring Languages

persian-farsi

Summary of background and experience

Industrial Engineering Department faculty member of PNU

Mentoring Topics

- See new perspectives - By talking to someone you might not normally meet, you can gain a fresh perspective on things and learn a new way of thinking.

Benjamin Schumann

Mentoring Languages

English, German

Summary of background and experience

I am an expert in agent-based modelling within aerospace and defense applications such as spare part planning and optimization. I am also very well placed when it comes to combining agent-based modelling with Geographical Information systems (GIS).

Mentoring Topics

- Agent-based modelling
- Agent-based modelling and Geographical Information Systems
- Simulation modelling & consulting

Interesting Fact

Living and working in Berlin for a London consultancy --> love the travelling.

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Frances Sneddon

Mentoring Languages

English

Summary of background and experience

A Maths and Man Sci Grad I started my career as an OR consultant. I discovered a passion for software so I then switched into software development, then into product management. I'm now CTO and a director at SIMUL8 Corporation and sit on the ScotlandIS board among many other things!

Mentoring Topics

- Where can OR take you? I'm a good example of how a career in ORMS can take you where you didn't expect
- Building your personal networks
- How to create a new product and take it to market

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João Zambujal-Oliveira

Mentoring Languages

Portuguese, English

Summary of background and experience

Professor of Engineering Economics, Phd in Management (Finance). Several papers in Real Options. Experience in student and business coaching

Mentoring Topics

- Investments
 - Corporate Finance
 - Financial Markets
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