

We are glad to invite EU/ME members to join us in Angers (France) next spring for VRP2013, a one-week, full-immersion institute gathering Ph.D. students and young researchers working on the field of vehicle routing. The spring school will be hosted by the Institute of Applied Mathematics (IMA) of Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers (France) from May 20 to May 24, 2013. EU/ME will sponsor one or two students, with a financial support of 1000€.

The spring school is open to all Ph.D. students completing a dissertation on vehicle routing and young researchers working on the field. Participants are invited to present their research in poster sessions during the coffee breaks. Presenting a poster is not mandatory. Participants should apply for a place at the spring school before January 30, 2013. The number of participants is limited. Places will be assigned according to a FIFO discipline giving priority to Ph.D. students and participants presenting a poster. Participants from outside Europe are welcome to apply. For further information, please visit the website of the event at <http://www.ima.uco.fr/vrp2013> or contact the organizers via email at [vrp2013@uco.fr](mailto:vrp2013@uco.fr) using the tag [INFO] on the email's subject.

### Important dates

31 Jan. 2013: deadline for applications  
16 Feb. 2013: notification for acceptance  
15 Mar. 2013: early bird registration deadline

### Registration fees

Early registration: 150EUR  
Late registration: 200EUR

### Organizers and sponsors

VRP2013 is organized by the Groupe Ligérien en Recherche Opérationnelle (LigéRO), an initiative funded by the Pays de la Loire Region (France). The spring school is part of the scientific agenda of LigéRO, Groupe de Travail en Transport et Logistique (GT2L) of GDR-RO (CNRS GdR 3002), and EURO working group on Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization (VeRoLog). Besides the aforementioned organizations, the initiative is also sponsored by: Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO), Ecole des Mines de Nantes (EMN), Université d'Angers (UA), Société Française de Recherche Opérationnelle et d'Aide à la Décision (ROADEF), and Laboratoire d'Ingénierie des Systèmes Automatisés (LISA).

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### EU/ME sponsorship

This year, EU/ME is associated with the European Spring School on Vehicle Routing and has decided to sponsor up to two students with a 1 000 € grant each.

If you are interested in applying to this grant,

- you must be a PhD student
- you have to be a EU/ME member (if not, register for free on EU/ME [click here](#)) and send the following documents to [eume@listes.univ-ubs.fr](mailto:eume@listes.univ-ubs.fr)

- a scanned copy of the student card
- an application letter (one page)
- a CV including a list of publications (5 pages max)

The EU/ME board will make a selection among applicants based on their value and motivation. The selected candidates will receive further information with practical details of the grant allocation later.