



OPTIMA NOVEMBER2019 IN SANTA CRUZ, CHILE: CELEBRATING THREE DECADES OF OR CONFERENCE TRADITION

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Since nearly three decades, OPTIMA has been the traditional bi-annual event organized by **ICHIO** (The Chilean Institute of Operational Research) jointly with a Chilean university. This event aimed to gather senior and young researchers (undergraduate and graduate students), mainly from Chile, in order to promote research activities and networking in the OR community.

OPTIMA 2019 - XIII Chilean Conference on Operations Research (<http://www.optima2019.cl/>) took place in Santa Cruz, a beautiful city located 177 km south of Santiago, Chile, from 25th to 27th of November, organized by the Industrial Engineering Department of the Universidad de Santiago de Chile(<http://www.ingenieriaindustrial-usach.cl/>).



▲ Prof. Dr. Mauricio Camargo, Keynote Speaker at OPTIMA 2019.

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In this edition, **OPTIMA 2019** had the pleasure to organize two plenary sessions by OR specialists **Mauricio Camargo**, Director of the Research Team on Innovative Processes and Full Professor of Industrial Engineering School, University of Lorraine, Nancy, France, and **Safia Kedad-Sidhoum**, Co-Director of Parisian Master of Operational Research, Paris Saclay, and Full Professor of Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers, Paris, France.

In addition, 72 research works were presented and discussed in different parallel sessions in the most important OR topics. Two student awards were granted for outstanding presentations, to **Ana Ulloa**, a postgraduate student from Universidad de la Santísima Concepción, Chile, and **Juan Carlos Piña**, a postgraduate student from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile.

OPTIMA 2019 also included three social events: a *Welcome Reception*, a *Closing Reception* and a visit to Santa Cruz Vineyard, where a *Social Banquet* and some *tourist activities* were carried out. All social events were successful, especially the social banquet in the vineyard, an exceptional meeting point where



▲ Ana Ulloa, who received a Student Award, Prof. Dr. Víctor M. Albornoz (President of ICHIO) and Prof. Dr. Óscar C. Vásquez (Chair of OPTIMA 2019), from left to right.

professional and human relationships of OR community were established in a very nice environment.