A couple of colleagues have alerted us to some issues with the BCEA function `evppi`, under MS Windows. Basically, it seemed as if under MS Windows and with `R` 4.0.0 (which is a recent, though not the most recent release of `R`) the `evppi` function would break, when trying to make the analysis based on INLA (and the work discussed here).

In particular, if the user didn't have the `R` package `INLA` already installed, when trying to run

```
x=evppi(..., method="INLA")
```

`BCEA` would oblige and "suggest" the installation of `INLA`. Now this is also a bit complicated, because `INLA` is a "heavy" package and, in addition, is not installable from the main `CRAN`. Under Linux and (I think!) Mac OS, this isn't a problem and `BCEA` would simply tell the user to install `INLA` — though the link to the URL from which this can be done was outdated in the current `CRAN` release of `BCEA`. Under MS Windows, however, I think that things become a bit more complicated as, in order to install a package not on `CRAN`, another package is needed (`Rtools`). But `Rtools` in its most recent version (which would be aligned with `R`) wouldn't install directly. This then would make it impossible to install `INLA` and its main dependencies and therefore would break `evppi`.

I did a bit of digging and I found a solution (which my colleagues have confirmed has worked for them!). So, if:
– you are under MS Windows and have a version of `R` that is at least as recent as 4.0.0;
– you have never installed `INLA`;
– you have installed `BCEA` and now want to use `evppi` to compute the EVPPI for your model, using the fast algorithm based on INLA
here's what you need to do:

1. Follow the instructions here to install the most recent version of `Rtools`;

2. Install `INLA` using the following code

   ```
   install.packages("INLA",repos=c(getOption("repos"),INLA="https://inla.r-inla-download.org/R/stable"), dep=TRUE)
   ```

3. If you don't already have it installed, install the package `ldr` (which is needed to complement the fast EVPPI algorithm), using the code

   ```
   install.packages('ldr')
   ```

   and then you're good to go!