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I have participated in the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences ([INFORMS](#)) 2023 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. My participation in the conference was funded by the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center (ISTRIC).

INFORMS is the largest professional association for the decision and data sciences for researchers and professionals in operations research (OR), management science, and analytics. With over 12,500 members, the association is home to a diverse collection of academic and industry experts in the data and decision sciences, including operations research, analytics, management science, economics, behavioral science, statistics, artificial intelligence, data science, applied mathematics, and transportation. INFORMS advances and promotes the science and technology of decision-making to save lives, save money, and solve problems through an array of highly-cited publications, conferences, competitions, networking communities, and professional development services. The organization hosts numerous conferences and meetings, yet the Annual Meeting, which takes place around October each year and is hosted in a different city around the United States, is their most significant event.

The INFORMS Annual Meeting provides the ultimate learning and networking event for O.R. and Analytics professionals and students allowing you to exchange information, ideas, and perspectives with your colleagues from around the world. This conference creates networks with more than 6,000 INFORMS members, prospective employers academics, and industry experts who compose the INFORMS community. For a post-doctoral researcher looking for the next phase in the academic career, the annual meeting is a unique opportunity to connect with potential institutions and professors, present

research outcomes, network, and look for a future academic position.

The fully in-person 2023 Annual Meeting has been one of the most attended editions in INFORMS' history. I think the organization of the event was excellent. Despite the incredibly dense [program](#), with many parallel sessions, plenaries and keynote talks, I managed to attend many active sessions in the field of aviation and discover new research themes attending also sessions of the Transportation Science and Logistic (TSL) Section. I also chaired the Best Student Presentation Award for the [Aviation Application Section \(AAS\)](#). On this occasion, together with a committee of academics from major Universities, I judged the presentation of PhD students moving their steps in the operation research and aviation world. The business meetings offered the possibility to network with key figures in the field and to meet new members. I'm delighted I managed to attend this important conference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank again to the Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center for funding my trip to this important conference.

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