What is Operations Research?

Operations Research (O.R.) is the application of scientific methods and techniques to problem solving for executive management in business, industry, agriculture, and government. Its distinctive approach is the formulation of a quantitative model of the system or operation being studied, incorporation all complexities and elements of uncertainty whenever possible. Its objective is to predict probable future consequences of various decision choices in view of providing a scientific basis to determine policies and actions that are in the best interest of the organisation as a whole.

Objectives of the Society

are to promote the knowledge and encourage the use of O.R. in New Zealand and to provide a forum for O.R. practitioners and users.

Activities of the Society

The society, established in 1964, has branches in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch. Each branch holds meetings throughout the year where members or guests report on actual or potential application of O.R.. A national conference is held annually. A newsletter for members is published periodically.

Membership and Subscriptions

Associate Membership ($5) is open to anyone interested in O.R.. Experienced practitioners may qualify for Full Membership ($6). Full-time students may join as Student Members ($2.00). Subscriptions to the International Abstracts in O.R. $4.70 for 1975 optional.

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