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## Preface

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Evolutionary computation (EC) techniques – including genetic algorithms, evolution strategies, genetic programming, particle swarm optimisation, ant colony optimisation, differential evolution and memetic algorithms – have shown themselves to be effective for search and optimisation problems. Recently, EC has produced promising results and has become an important tool in computational creativity, for example in interactive

evolutionary computation (IEC), EC for human-related applications, EC-based visual/auditory/haptic design and EC for analysing human characteristics.

The motivation of this special issue is to invite researchers to address various challenging optimisation problems using evolutionary computation. The aim of the issue is to initiate discussion and deliberation particular to recent advances in intelligent computation.