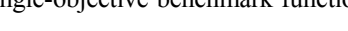


The logo for GECCO (Genetic Evolutionary Algorithms in Combinatorial Optimization) features the word "GECCO" in large, bold, red capital letters. Behind the text is a stylized blue and yellow gecko. A yellow DNA double helix is wrapped around the gecko's body, with various labels including "GP", "GA+", "E", "Eh", "110", "000", "110", "100111", "10101", "PAA+", "RVA+", and "9".

This workshop is a follow up of the BBOB 2009 workshop in Montreal and the BBOB 2010 workshop in Portland. The workshop focuses on benchmarking continuous optimizers, a crucial task to assess the performance of optimizers quantitatively, to understand the weaknesses and strengths of each algorithm and a compulsory path to evaluate new algorithm designs.

- the choice and implementation of two well-motivated single-objective benchmark function testbeds for noiseless and noisy optimization,
- the design of an experimental set-up,
- the generation of data output, and
- the post-processing and presentation of the results in graphs and tables.



We would like to thank all the participants for their contributions and are happy to announce that we have accepted 19 papers. For further news about the workshop please check our webpage, and subscribe to the mailing lists!

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