

# ORSP's F. Miranda Keynotes Nepal Conference



Francis Miranda, ORSP Board Director, keynoted the Annual National Conference of the Operations Research Society of Nepal (ORSN) in Pokhara last Feb 1-2, 2025. As past President of the Association of Asia Pacific Operations Research Societies, he presented the background and activities of the International Federation of Operational Research Societies (IFORS).

IFORS, established in 1959, serves as an umbrella organization for operations research societies across over 50 countries, fostering the development and application of operational research worldwide. It advances its mission through conferences (including the upcoming IFORS triennial conference in Vienna in 2026), journals, best paper awards, global webinars, OR updates and

resources through its website ([www.ifors.org](http://www.ifors.org)) and newsletter, support for distinguished lectures and tutorials, support for OR summer and winter schools, and assistance for emerging OR societies.

The conference theme was *Operations Research: Environment, Society & Governance* and F. Miranda was tasked to introduce keynote speaker Parvathy Krishnakumari, the Chief Technology Officer at Analytics for a Better World (ABW - [www.analyticsbetterworld.org](http://www.analyticsbetterworld.org)). Parvathy delivered an inspiring talk on *Unlocking the Potential of OR, Analytics, and AI for a Better World* and provided a tutorial on the Public Infrastructure Service Access (PISA) optimization tool. PISA is designed to assist governments and public sector organizations in making data-driven decisions regarding the placement of critical infrastructure, such as healthcare facilities and roads, thereby enhancing service accessibility and promoting sustainable development.

Further collaboration was arranged between IFORS and ABW, to be led by F. Miranda. ♦

