1. Taking a more restricted set of allowed routes for the express delivery problem may lead to a better solution. (Chapter 2)

2. Reshuffle Random is the preferred method for solving the express delivery problem. It obtains good quality solutions for all instances. (Chapter 2)

3. The number of priorities, stack height, and fill grade have a big influence on the time needed to solve the container premarshalling problem. (Chapter 3)

4. Scheduling jobs based on their weight, without taking the processing time into account, gives the best results for the subcontractor scheduling problem. (Chapter 4)

5. Even though the problems faced by companies are getting bigger and more complex, simple solution methods are increasingly being employed to solve these problems.

6. In the past there was a strict separation between research and practice. Nowadays practice-based research is becoming more widespread. In the future practice-led research will be the norm.

7. For the tile manufacturing problem, it can be advantageous to move already planned jobs when inserting a new job. Surprisingly, allowing all subsequent jobs to be postponed instead of only the next job, may lead to a worse solution. (Scheduling Tile Production, Martijn van Brink, Bachelor thesis written at Maastricht University)

8. The problems described in this thesis are based on real-life problems. However, this does not mean that the results can be directly applied in practice.

9. Playing pool billiards resembles solving an optimization problem: the goal is to find a solution that maximizes the probability of completing the route.

10. The predictions for the 2016 US presidential elections were actually quite close to the actual outcome; they only predicted the wrong winner.