



POMS 2010 Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, May 7 – 10, 2010

Welcome to the 21st Annual POMS Conference!

A Message from your Vice President for Meetings

On behalf of myself and the entire conference planning team, welcome to the 21st Annual Conference of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS). We come together this year in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, a site frequently mentioned as one of the most livable cities in the world. Our conference city has it all: great food, wonderful cultural diversity, and fine arts galore, and it's surrounded by water, islands, and mountains—an outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

Our conference hotel, the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel, was awarded the Emporis Skyscraper Award in 2001 just after opening. This award is for architectural excellence in design and functionality. For those of you with a technical bent, our conference hotel has several engineering wonders within its structure: a tuned water dampening system at the top of both towers that counteracts harmonic swings during high winds, a two-toned glass facade (darker to lighter blue) that is architecturally stimulating, and several traction elevators that move at 800 feet per minute. It was the site for the movie *X-Men: The Last Stand* and the opening sequence of *The Cove*.



Your planning committee has done an absolutely outstanding job on your behalf. The planning team has been working under the direction of our President, Wally Hopp, and our Executive Director, Sushil Gupta, for 14 months. Please express your thanks to our General Chair, Hong Chen (hong.chen@sauder.ubc.ca), and our tireless Program Co-Chairs, Vishal Gaur (vg77@cornell.edu), and Mahesh Nagarajan (mahesh.nagarajan@sauder.ubc.ca). Our local arrangements were handled by Chair, Hasan Cavusoglu (hasan.cavusoglu@sauder.ubc.ca).

For several years a core planning team has worked on your behalf. Our Sponsorship and Exhibitors Committee Chair, Nagesh Murthy (nmurthy@lcbmail.uoregon.edu), and the indefatigable Program and Proceedings Coordinator, Mark Hanna (hannamd@georgiasouthern.edu). I wish I could mention everyone who has worked so hard to prepare for our Vancouver Conference. Two people need to be singled out, Jack Kanet (kanet@udayton.edu) who has for years sponsored and chaired our Emerging Scholars Program, and Mark Hanna (hannamd@georgiasouthern.edu), our Program Book Chair who does unbelievable work year in and year out. I hope that you will express your thanks, as I do, to these individuals and all the track chairs. More than 100 POMS members are actively involved in preparing for and executing this 21st Annual POMS Conference.

Please enjoy all that our conference and Vancouver has to offer!

It is my pleasure to work as your VP Meetings,

Jim Gilbert

