

Welcome Message from the POMS President

Dear POMS colleagues and friends:

It is a great privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 POMS Conference in Denver. Our annual conference provides a powerful and exciting opportunity for POM researchers to meet face-to-face, discuss topics of shared interest, exchange notes and renew friendships, and have good times together. For our young colleagues, it is a great way to join the larger research community and develop a professional network.



POMS is increasingly the Society of choice for our members who truly come from all over the world. The POMS membership level now stands close to 2000 and spans over 57 countries with 56% of the members currently from outside of the US. Moreover, to encourage students in POM to get involved and retired senior scholars and practitioners in the field to remain involved, POMS membership is now free to them. At POMS Denver, you will therefore be interacting with POM researchers working in academia, government, industry, and research establishments, as well as retired senior scholars active in POM, and POM students from all over the world.

The Society depends on dedicated volunteers who generously give their time. We are fortunate this year to have an outstanding organizing committee lead by Manoj Malhotra (General Chair), Mark Ferguson (Program Chair), Vikram Tiwari (Scheduling Committee Chair), Laurens Debo (Doctoral Consortium Chair), Jack Kanet (Emerging Scholars Program Chair), Tobias Schoenherr (Proceedings Coordinator), Nagesh Murthy (Vice President Meetings), Shailesh Kulkarni (Associate VP Sponsorship), and Sushil Gupta (POMS Executive Director). The other members of the Conference Planning Committee, the college conference and cluster organizers, and many others involved in planning and managing this conference have all worked tirelessly to provide us with a world-class experience. We owe all of them a great debt of gratitude!

The conference theme “Integrating Practice in POM Research and Teaching” is a timely reminder that research and teaching in POM should always go hand in hand. We will share our research, practice and teaching lessons through four action-packed days of paper presentations, focused presentations by senior managers and executives, panel discussions, and keynote addresses. These will extend and integrate knowledge contributing to an improved understanding and practice of production and operations management and its teaching in public and private manufacturing and service organizations throughout the world.

Truly, this conference promises to be a diverse and energizing experience. I look forward to seeing many of you in Denver.

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