

POMS 2013 Annual Conference, Denver, CO, USA, May 3–6, 2013

Welcome to the 24th Annual POM Conference!

A Message from your Vice President for Meetings

On behalf of the entire planning committee, it is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the 24th Annual POM Conference at Denver Marriott City Center. In addition to experiencing an exciting line up of events at the conference, it is also a tremendous opportunity to enjoy the city of Denver at a nice time of the year.

It is indeed a great time for POMS as we continue to draw a large fraction of participants from across the globe while also experiencing the growth in attendance that is constantly redefining our new normal! Our planning team has done a fantastic job under the direction of our President, Suresh Sethi and our Executive Director, Sushil Gupta. Our General Chair, Manoj Malhotra and Program Chair, Mark Ferguson have worked with great energy and enthusiasm to line up exciting plenary speakers and assemble a wonderful team of track chairs to offer you a high quality experience. In particular, this year's theme of "Integrating Practice in POM Research and Teaching" has brought an unprecedented level of engagement with Practice Leaders in all aspects of this conference. Special thanks to Chris Tang for organizing the day long Practice Leaders Forum and several plenary and semi-plenary sessions.



The core planning team, along with the track chairs and various award committees has worked tirelessly to organize all facets of this meeting. Thanks to the leadership in the POMS community, we have had an incredible sponsorship support at premier levels from several schools. We have received the highest number of premier sponsorships ever! I would like to express my sincere thanks to Shailesh Kulkarni for his critical role as the Associate VP Sponsorship, Vikram Tiwari for his pivotal role as Scheduling Committee Chair, Laurens Debo for his role as the Doctoral Consortium Chair, and Tobias Schoenherr for shouldering the time consuming and meticulous needs of being the Proceedings Coordinator. We thank Jack Kanet for his institutional leadership for the Emerging Scholars Program and congratulate him as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this Program at POMS. Lastly, a special thanks to all the doctoral student volunteers holding the fort in the registration area and to Cindy Ferguson at the Lundquist College of Business for offering immense support to take care of countless tasks for planning and supporting ground operations for this meeting.

It is indeed my great pleasure to have served as your VP for Meetings in Denver. Once again, have a wonderful conference!

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