

## Recognizing outstanding service to the production and operations management society

### Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award, 2014

The Production and Operations Management Society (*POMS*) created the *POMS Distinguished Service Award* in its annual meeting in Reno, April 29, 2011 to recognize contributions made by its members to the growth of the Society.

In its quest to identify the most deserving person to receive the first award, it was no surprise that the *POMS* Board, consisting of 28 people from around the world, unanimously and very enthusiastically voted at its meeting in Chicago, April 20, 2012, that the first *POMS* Distinguished Service Award should be given to Dr. Sushil K. Gupta, *POMS* Executive Director, Professor at Florida International University (FIU), USA. Sushil was presented with the award during the *POMS* awards ceremony luncheon on April 22, 2012 in Chicago. Immediately after the award was given to Dr. Gupta, Dr. Luk Van Wassenhove, Professor at INSEAD, France, and past president of *POMS*, announced another unanimous decision of the *POMS* Board. Luk proclaimed that this is the first and the last *POMS* Distinguished Service Award. Starting now, the award will be known as the *Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award*. All future *POMS* Distinguished Service awards will be named after Dr. Gupta to honor him for his dedicated services to *POMS*.



Dr. Sushil Gupta has superb administrative skills that have led *POMS* to grow in size, become a stronger society, and truly international in scope. Dr. Gupta has been involved in the planning and execution of all major *POMS* initiatives like increasing membership, establishment of awards, creation of colleges and regional chapters, *POMS* conferences, publications and web development. He has worked successfully and continuously with a diverse constituency from around the globe. Dr. Gupta has been the *POMS* Vice President of membership and then *POMS* President. He was elected a *POMS* Fellow in 2004 - the year that the *POMS* Fellowship was instituted.

The first *Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award* was given at the *POM* Annual Conference Awards Ceremony in Denver, May 3 - May 6, 2013. Dr. Martin K Starr was the first recipient of this award. He was unanimously chosen from a list of excellent candidates. The committee was chaired by Dr. Cheryl Gaimon, Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Dr. Starr facilitated the creation of an identity for production and operations management as an academic discipline not only in the USA but around the world. Dr. Starr has been with *POMS* since its beginnings. He facilitated the creation of *POMS* and has been guiding its path towards excellence for the last 25 years. He has served as President of *POMS* and is now the chair of its Council of Presidents. Dr. Starr has influenced several generations of students and professors with his writings, teaching, and leadership roles in the *POM* community. Dr. Starr has impacted the corporate world via his



writings in practice-oriented journals, consulting assignments; executive development programs, and serving on management boards of various corporations. In 2006, POMS instituted the Martin K. Starr Excellence in Production and Operations Management Practice Award. Dr. Starr has been bestowed with many honors and awards during his career. He was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science, and Fellow of the Production and Operations Management Society. Dr. Starr served as editor-in-chief of *Management Science* for 15 years from January 1967 to June 1982. Dr. Starr is currently Professor Emeritus in the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, where he served from 1962 to 1996 and in the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College, where he served from 1996 to 2003.

The Committee for the Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award has unanimously selected two candidates from a slate of excellent nominees - Dr. Cheryl Gaimon and Dr. Hau L. Lee.

### **Dr. Cheryl Gaimon**

Dr. Cheryl Gaimon is the Esther and Edward Brown Chair and a Regents' Professor in the Scheller College of Business at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She initiated establishment of the Operations Management (OM) Program and served as the OM Area Coordinator for seven years. She was a core participant in the development of an interdisciplinary Certificate Program in the Management of Technology (MOT) and currently serves as that program's director. She has taught courses at the undergraduate, masters, and PhD levels as well as in executive programs. She has taught courses including the core course in Operations Management and courses on Service Operations and Management of Technology.



Professor Gaimon's research and teaching interests focus on strategic aspects of a firm's resource capabilities for long-term competitive advantage. Particular attention is given to managing resource capabilities in environments characterized by changes in underlying technologies (manufacturing as well as information technologies), markets, and the nature of global competition. Specific interests include knowledge management, new product development, process improvement, R&D Alliances, implementation of new technology, and sustainable operations. She has received grants from the National Science Foundation to study the impact of new technology on a firm's competitive position. Her research articles have appeared in journals including *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, *Organization Science*, and *Production and Operations Management*.

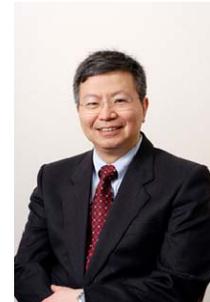
Professor Gaimon is a Fellow of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS). She served as the President of POMS in 2008. She was the founding co-President of the POMS College on Product Innovation and Technology Management and is a Fellow of that college. Professor Gaimon received the Distinguished Service Award for the Technology Management Section (TMS) of INFORMS in 2009. Professor Gaimon was the 2007 Distinguished Speaker for the TMS of INFORMS. She is the recipient of the "2014 Brady

Family Award for Faculty Research Excellence" given by the Scheller College. She is the recipient of "The 1999 Georgia Tech Research Award" for doctoral student development. Professor Gaimon is the Management of Technology Department Editor for *Production and Operations Management*. Formerly she was Associate Editor for *Management Science*, Senior Editor of *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management*, Department Editor of *IIE (Institute of Industrial Engineers) Transactions*, Department Editor of *IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management*, and Associate Editor for *Decision Sciences*.

Professor Gaimon's service to POMS includes many years on the board, committee head for a variety of POMS initiatives and a dedication to the society that is continuous and encompassing.

### **Dr. Hau L. Lee**

Dr. Hau L. Lee is the Thoma Professor of Operations, Information and Technology at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University. He is also the Director of the Stanford Institute for Innovations in Developing Economies. His current research focuses on global supply chain design, value chain innovations in developing economies, and socially responsible supply chains.



Professor Lee was elected to the National Academy of Engineering of the US in 2010; and is a Fellow of Manufacturing and Service Operations Management, the Production and Operations Management Society, and INFORMS. He served as President of POMS in 2006. From 1997-2003, he was the Editor-in-Chief of *Management Science*.

Professor Lee obtained his B.Soc.Sc. degree in Economics and Statistics from the University of Hong Kong, his M.Sc. degree in Operational Research from the London School of Economics, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Operations Research from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and an Honorary Doctorate from the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

Professor Lee has spent many years on the POMS board. His service to the POM Society includes heading a variety of committees that have promoted major new POMS' initiatives. His impact has been felt in every aspect of POMS success.

### **Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award Committee Members:**

- Martin (Marty) Starr (Chair), Rollins College.
- Glen Schmidt, Professor, Chair-Operations and Information Systems, University of Utah.
- Sushil Gupta, Professor, Florida International University.
- Asoo Vakharia, Professor, Department of Information Systems & Operations Management, University of Florida.
- Metin Cakanyildirim, Associate Professor, University of Texas-Dallas.