

## Welcome Message from POMS President

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is a special privilege and pleasure for me to welcome you to the 2014 Annual Conference of POMS. To celebrate the success of POMS over the last 25 years at this conference, I am grateful to our POMS Fellows and former POMS Presidents Cheryl Gaimon (Georgia Tech) and Hau Lee (Stanford) for co-chairing this milestone for the society! Consistent with this celebration and to honor the impact POMS members have made to the profession, we have selected the conference theme: *Impact and Vision: Reaching New Heights*.



At our POMS 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference, there are prominent plenary speakers and special receptions. Of course, this conference will continue its tradition by having our members to meet face-to-face, discuss new research ideas, and have some fun together. For our young colleagues, this conference is an ideal way to join a global community with over 2000 members from over 40 countries.

Organizing a large conference like this requires huge effort and dedication from lots of volunteers. On behalf of POMS, I would like to express my gratitude to an extraordinary organizing committee lead by Cheryl Gaimon and Hau Lee (General Co-Chair), Atalay Atasu (Program Chair), Vikram Tiwari (Scheduling Committee Chair), Laurens Debo (Doctoral Consortium Chair), Jack Kanet (Emerging Scholars Program Chair), Adrian Choo (Local Arrangements Committee Chair), Nagesh Murthy (Vice President Meetings), Sushil Gupta (Executive Director), Shailesh Kulkarni (Associate VP Sponsorship), and Sriram Narayanan (Proceedings Coordinator).

The conference theme “Impact and Vision: Reaching New Heights” is a great way reflect our remarkable success over the past 25 years and discuss ways to reach new heights in the near future. I look forward to learning from all of you regarding your own reflection of the past and your ideas for the future of POMS!

I look forward to seeing all of you in Atlanta!

Best wishes,

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