Welcome Message from the Program Chair

Welcome to Atlanta and the 25th Annual Conference of the Production and Operations Management Society.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our members, we have broken the abstracts submitted record for the third year in a row with over 1400 abstracts submitted from more than fifty different countries. The theme of the conference this year is "Impact and Vision: Reaching New Heights," chosen to highlight the achievements of our society in its first 25 years, and our goals for the next 25.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference, which we owe to our team of dedicated track chairs, who recruited an incredible set of speakers and organized a series of unique events you. I offer my deepest gratitude and thanks to the entire team:

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We hope that the 25th Annual Conference will prove to be a landmark event for our society, and you will enjoy your time in Atlanta.

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