

Welcome Message from Vice President for Meetings

On behalf of the entire planning committee, it is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the POMS 25th Annual Conference at Atlanta Marriott Marquis. In addition to experiencing an exciting line up of events at the conference, it is also a tremendous opportunity to enjoy the city of Atlanta at a nice time of the year.

It is indeed a great time for POMS as we celebrate the 25th anniversary for this conference while continuing to draw a large fraction of participants from across the globe and 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, Chris Tang and our Executive Director, Sushil Gupta. Our General Co-Chairs, Cheryl Gaimon and Hau Lee, and Program Chair, Atalay Atasu 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. Special thanks to Chris Tang for organizing the day long Practice Leaders Forum. I would like to express my special thanks to him for his energy and excitement for POMS and helping us to seek sponsorships this year in a huge way from many new sponsors.



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 nearly a dozen schools. We have received the highest amount of sponsorship support ever and almost twice the previous highest level! 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, Sriram Narayanan for shouldering the time consuming and meticulous needs of being the Proceedings Coordinator, and Varun Goyal for assisting him. We thank Jack Kanet for his continued institutional leadership for the Emerging Scholars Program. Special thanks to Adrian Choo, Rick Franza, Cheryl Gaimon and Jeremy Kovach for facilitating all the local arrangements, including our celebratory President's Reception at the Georgia Aquarium. 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 Meetings for three years that culminates with our 25th Anniversary Meeting in Atlanta. Once again, have a great 25th anniversary celebration and a wonderful conference!

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