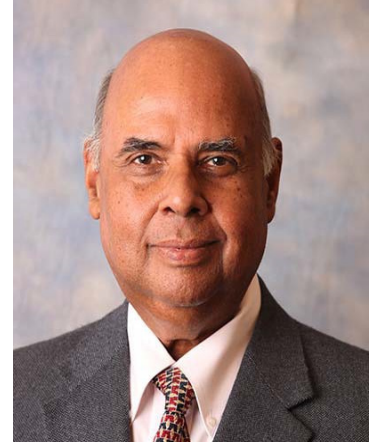


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Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award, 2016

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. The other award winners include: Cheryl Gaimon and Hau Lee (2014), and James P. Gilbert and Chelliah Sriskandarajah (2015).

The Committee for the Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award (2016) has unanimously selected two candidates from a slate of excellent nominees - John J. Kanet and Nagesh Murthy.

John J. Kanet

John J. Kanet (Ph.D., PSU) Professor and Niehaus Chair in Operations Management at the University of Dayton, former Burlington Professor of Management, Clemson University, was thrice Senior Fulbright Scholar to Germany. In 2012 the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation awarded him the Reimar Lüst prize for promoting research relations between Germany and the U.S. He was Area Editor for *Production and Operations Management* and advisory board member for *Journal of Operations Management*. A lifetime POMS member, he won the Best Paper Award at the 1992 national conference. In 2004, he was Program Chair for the POMS World Conference in Cancun, MX. His POMS Emerging Scholars program is now an annual event at POMS conferences. Jack's research interests include production planning and scheduling. His work has appeared in *Management Science*, *Operations Research*, *Journal of Operations Management*, *Production and Operations Management*, *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management*, and *Mathematics of Operations Research*.



Nagesh Murthy

Nagesh N. Murthy (Ph.D., Ohio State) is an Associate Professor of Operations Management & Roger Engemann Distinguished Research Scholar at the Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon. He is also the Academic Director of the Center for Sustainable Business Practices. His work has been published in *Decision Sciences*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *Journal of Operations Management*, *Management Science*, *Naval Research Logistics*, and *Production and Operations Management*, among others. He currently serves as an Associate Editor for *Decision Sciences*. His empirical and normative research has been supported by major grants from firms, industry consortia, and Government agencies. He has consulted with several Fortune 100 firms and taught in both general and custom executive education programs. He serves on the Board of the Northwest Collaboratory for Sustainable Manufacturing (NWCSM). He has served POMS as Sponsorship Committee Chair (2005 – 2009), VP for Education (2008), Associate VP for Sponsorship (2010), and VP Meetings (2011 – 2013). Since 2014, he serves on the POMS Board as the Associate Executive Director for Global Initiatives and Outreach.



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