

Welcome Message from the POMS President

Dear Colleagues:

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 2016 Annual Conference of the Production and Operations Management Society! For 27 years at the POMS conference, we have brought together outstanding plenary speakers, wonderful practitioners, and the best researchers in the world to meet, exchange ideas, and innovate POM thinking. For our younger attendees, an even more special welcome! You will be networking with the finest POM minds in the world, literally, as we have a global community spanning over 40 countries. And during your downtime, you can all enjoy the wonderful attractions of Orlando.



Organizing a conference of this quality and magnitude is a Herculean task. Countless volunteers have donated tremendous amounts of time to make this conference a success. On behalf of the Society, I'd like to express our deepest gratitude to the organizing committee, including Nitin Joglekar (General Chair), Sriram Narayanan and Rogelio Oliva (Program Co-Chairs), Ken Klassen (Scheduling Chair), Mohan Sodhi and Nicole DeHoratius (Leaders in Practice Co-Chairs), Jack Kanet (Emerging Scholars Chair), Rachna Shah (Doctoral Consortium Chair), Amit Kakkad and Christian Rossetti (Proceedings Co-Chairs), Bharat Kaku (Vice President – Meetings), Gerald Burke (Vice President – Colleges), Shailesh Kulkarni (Associate Vice President for Sponsorship), Nagesh Murthy (Associate Executive Director – Global Initiatives), Ashley Ellison (Program Assistant), and of course, as always, Sushil Gupta (Executive Director). I would also like to recognize the contribution of the many track chairs, whose persistence and dedication have greatly contributed to our outstanding program in Orlando.

The theme of this conference, “Innovative Operations in an Information and Analytics Driven Economy” is particularly relevant today given two great ongoing trends in the global economy. One trend is towards the gathering of Big Data and the analytics needed to make sense of it. The other is the shift towards the platform-oriented industries that both create Big Data and thrive upon its use. I look forward to hearing from all of you at the conference on this theme and how we can position POMS to remain at the leading edge of this sea-change within industry.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "E. G. Anderson Jr.". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Edward G. Anderson Jr.
President, Production and Operations Management Society
Professor, Information, Risk, and Operations Management
Director, McCombs Healthcare Initiative
McCombs School of Business, University of Texas