

## Information for Contributors

The Decision Sciences Institute (DSI) invites contributions to the 2012 Annual Meeting in the following categories: Refereed Research Paper, Non-Refereed Research Abstract, and proposals for Mini-Conferences on IT/SCM Interface, Global/International Research, Grantsmanship, Technology in the Classroom, and Curricular Issues. Authors can choose between submitting a refereed research paper that will receive reviews from at least two referees or submitting a non-refereed research abstract of 50 words or less (500 characters maximum). If accepted, refereed research papers will be published in the Proceedings (available in CD-ROM format only), as well as scheduled for presentation during the annual meeting.

If an author elects to submit a non-refereed research abstract, it will be scheduled for presentation during the annual meeting but will not be published in the Proceedings. Acceptance of abstracts and papers are subject to final approval by the track chairs. Proposals for a miniconference will be evaluated for possible inclusion in the annual meeting by the program chairs. Authors are required to submit all contributions online using the instructions provided in the following section and updated on the meeting website. When using the website for submission, contributors of refereed research papers will also be required to submit an electronic version of their paper as a PDF attachment. So that a double-blind review process can be maintained, the electronic file should contain only the body of the paper and the title of the submission, but no author identification information (which will be captured via a web-based form).

Any individual author or co-author may submit up to three refereed research papers and/or non-refereed research abstracts to the annual meeting. (This does not include invited papers and miniconference.) The submission of a refereed research paper or non-refereed research abstract means the author certifies the manuscript is not copyrighted, has not been accepted for publication in a journal, has not been presented or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting, and currently is not under review for presentation at another professional meeting. (Material printed in its entirety in any conference proceedings is considered published.) Furthermore, the author certifies his/her intention to register for and attend the entire meeting to present the paper, abstract, or proposal if it is accepted. The copyrights for all forms of presentation at the Institute's annual meeting shall remain with the authors.

## Competitions & Professional Activities

### Competitions . . .

#### ■ Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Award Competition

The purpose of the Doctoral Dissertation Award Competition is to encourage and publicize outstanding dissertation research by selecting and recognizing the best dissertations written in the past year in the decision sciences. The Elwood S. Buffa Dissertation Award, accompanied by a \$1,500 prize, will be presented at the annual meeting. Applicants for this award should submit three hardcopies of their dissertation in the required format directly to the Doctoral Dissertation Award Competition Coordinator by **April 1, 2012**.

**Richard Metters, Texas A&M University, rmetters@mays.tamu.edu**

#### ■ Instructional Innovation Award Competition

The Instructional Innovation Award Competition seeks to recognize outstanding contributions that advance instructional approaches within the decision sciences. The focus of this award is on innovation in college- or university-level teaching. Three finalists will be chosen to make presentations at the conference competition. The winning entry receives an award of \$1,500, and \$750 will be divided among each of the other finalists. Applicants are required to submit all contributions electronically using instructions on the conference Web site. The due date for submissions is **April 1, 2012**.

**Sriram Narayanan, Michigan State University, narayanan@bus.msu.edu**

#### ■ Best Paper Awards Competition

Best Paper Awards will be presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Categories include Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper, Best Application Paper, Best Interdisciplinary Paper, and Best Student Paper. At the discretion of the program chair and track chairs, outstanding scholarship may be recognized through a distinguished paper award in a given track. Reviewers will be asked to nominate competitive paper submissions for these awards. Nominations will then be reviewed by a best paper review committee, which will make award recommendations. The due date for submissions is **April 1, 2012**.

**Rohit Verma, Cornell University, rv54@cornell.edu**

#### ■ Best Teaching Case Studies Award Competition

The Teaching Case Studies Workshop serves an active role in the dissemination of new ideas with respect to case studies topics. Cases may be methodological in nature (i.e., crafted to support the learning of a specific technical skill) or integrative (i.e., designed to foster the integration of scientific approaches and analyses with real-world decision making). The due date for submissions is **April 1, 2012**.

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### Professional Activities . . .

#### ■ Doctoral Student Consortium

The Doctoral Student Consortium provides a unique opportunity for doctoral students from across the nation and around the world to interact with one another and with distinguished scholars in a one-day program devoted to career development. Attendance at this consortium is by invitation based on application. All students who meet the criteria will be accepted.

**Shawnee Vickery, Michigan State University, vickery@bus.msu.edu**

#### ■ New Faculty Development Consortium

The New Faculty Development Consortium deals with research, teaching, publishing, and other professional development issues for faculty who are beginning their academic careers. Attendance is by application and is open to faculty members who have a Ph.D. degree and are in the first two years of their teaching career.

**Jan Hartley, Bowling Green State University, jhartle@cba.bgsu.edu;**  
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### Miniconferences . . .

The 2012 DSI Annual Meeting will feature miniconferences on Curricular Issues, Global/International Research, Successful Grantsmanship, IT/SCM Interface, and Technology in the Classroom. These miniconferences often feature panels of senior scholars and provide a forum to learn from those at the forefront of these topics. See the website for more details. Proposals for miniconferences should follow the submission process as described elsewhere in this call for papers.

## Instruction for Electronic Submission

The 2012 DSI Annual Meeting will use the new conference management system this year. It is supported by a company called All Academic. We ask for patience and cooperation as we make this important transition.

The authors must make all submissions electronically only using this system, which will be available after March 1, 2012, on the DSI 2012 Annual Meeting website. All of the following information must be provided for the submission to be accepted.

**a. Title of submission** (title changes will not be allowed at a later date)

**b. Type of submission** (must select one of the following):

- Refereed Research Paper—Treat as an abstract for presentation if the paper is not accepted for publication in the Proceedings
- Refereed Research Paper—Withdraw if rejected
- Award Competition Entry—Also will be considered as a refereed research paper
- Non-Refereed Research Abstract

- Miniconference Proposal

**c. Track that best fits the submission** (to determine the proper track for your submission, see the track list along with descriptions and contacts of the track chairs available on the website).

- Abstract of 50 words or less, which must accompany all types of submissions
- Stage of your research as of today and by the time of the conference
- Invitation information

## 2012 Track Chairs

Note: in an effort to keep the conference more integrated and focused, the number of tracks has been substantially reduced. Please follow the interdisciplinary theme and pick the track your submissions fit best. All track chairs will be open and accommodating.

### Accounting and Finance

Robert Hutchinson, Univ of Detroit Mercy

### Decision Making and Problem Solving

Binshan Lin, LSU-Shreveport

### Healthcare Management

David Dilts and Steven Cheng, Oregon Health and Science University

### Information Technology

Nada Sanders, Lehigh University  
Xiang Wan, Marquette University

### Innovative Education

DaeSoo Kim, Korea University  
Prakash Singh, University of Melbourne

### Logistics and Distribution

Stephan Wagner, ETH Zurich  
Feryal Erhun, Stanford University

### Management Strategies and Organizational Behavior and Theory

Jane Wheeler, Bowling Green State Univ.

### Manufacturing Operations Mgt.

Anand Nair, University of South Carolina

### Marketing/Cross-Functional Interface

Mark Jacobs, University of Dayton

### Product/Process Innovation and Project Management

Daesik Hur, Yonsei University  
Ken Petersen, University of Tennessee

### Quality Mgt and Lean Operations

Joy Field, Boston College

### Service Operations Management

Rui Sousa, UCP Porto  
Martin Spring, Lancaster University

### Supply Management

Gary Ragatz, Michigan State University  
Zhaohui Wu, Oregon State University

### Sustainable Operations

Craig Carter, Arizona State University  
Wendy Tate, University of Tennessee

### SPECIAL TRACKS

#### Fellows Track

Barbara Flynn, Indiana University

#### New Talent Showcase

Elliot Rabinovitch, Arizona State University

### THEME-BASED SHOWCASE SESSIONS

**Africa**—Adegoke Oke, Arizona State Univ;

**Asia**—Xiande Zhao, Chinese Univ of Hong Kong, Mohan Galalakrishnan, Arizona State Univ;

**Australia**—Danny Samson, University of Melbourne;

**Europe**—Mark Johnson and Janet Godsell, Cranfield University;

**North America**—David Johnston, York University;

**South America**—Ely Paiva, FGV

## San Francisco Marriott

The 2012 DSI Annual Meeting will be held November 17-20, 2012, at the award-winning San Francisco Marriott, located in the heart of downtown, adjacent to the Moscone Convention Center, the Museum of Modern Art, Yerba Buena Gardens and just two blocks from Union Square. Easily accessible from Highway 101, the hotel is only a 20-minute drive from the San Francisco International Airport. One of the top travel destinations in the world, San Francisco offers a blend of exciting cultural attractions and landmarks, dining and shopping destinations, set against a background of extraordinary natural beauty. For more information, visit the DSI Annual Meeting website.

### San Francisco Marriott

55 Fourth Street • San Francisco, California

**Job Placement Service.** Placement service for individuals seeking an academic position in areas related to the decision sciences will be offered at the annual meeting. Position and applicant listings can be accessed year-round via the DSI website at <http://www.decisionsciences.org>. For additional information concerning the Job Placement Service, please contact the coordinator.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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## Globalization— Working Together and Celebrating Our Differences

San Francisco! The name conjures images of the Golden Gate Bridge, China Town, Russian Hill, Union Square, cable cars, Fisherman's Wharf (eating Dungeness crab), countless beaches, and

quaint enclaves. The city has enchanted and inspired many poets, songwriters, artists, food connoisseurs, and now, dare we say it—academics.

It certainly inspires our imagination.

With the advancement of supply-chain technologies, the globalization of commerce and lowering of international trade barriers continues to gain momentum. As the world seemingly contracts before us, cultural exchange is in full swing as the more we work together—the more we notice how different we are from one another. Ultimately, this globalization and multiculturalism give meaning to our working together. Thus, the chosen theme, "Working Together and Celebrating our Differences," embodies not only our 2012 meeting but the city of San Francisco as well.

Come, join us in our celebration of working together, overcoming our differences, and appreciating who we are and how we are different!

As a participant in the 2012 conference, you can expect to enjoy the following:

- Theme-based showcase sessions on each of the six continents featuring their unique decision-making issues.
- Plenary sessions on evolutionary decision making by Stuart Kauffman and on Toyota by Jeffrey Liker.
- First-ever track caucuses where you can meet other scholars that share similar research interests.
- A warm welcome with numerous opportunities to meet new people, consider new research/teaching approaches, and enjoy the sights and sounds of San Francisco.
- High-quality invited and sponsored sessions featuring renowned researchers, educators, and practitioners.
- A variety of venues in which you can present and receive constructive feedback on your research and teaching innovations.
- Opportunities to scout out the job market and/or the talent pool.
- Discipline-based and interdisciplinary tracks that address research, pedagogy, educational technologies, and more.

The venue for the 2012 DSI Annual Meeting will be the San Francisco Marriott. This hotel is centrally located and offers excellent access to restaurants, tours and entertainment, as well as scenic vistas of the beautiful San Francisco Bay and Bay Bridge. Details on registration, hotel and events will be available soon on the annual meeting website.

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