

be introduced to APDSI through a critical review of their Ph.D. proposal. This would need to be in a supportive and non-threatening environment.

On a final note, and of concern to only a few participants, namely those from the

southern hemisphere, is the timing of the conference in late July. In Australia, this is the first week of teaching, and I find it difficult to get the time off. If it were a week earlier, as it will be in Shanghai, it would improve the situation for me. ■

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

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Sanjay L. Ahire has recently been promoted to the rank of professor in operations management (OM) at the University of Dayton. Over the last eight years, Sanjay has

published numerous articles on evaluation of various operations improvement strategies with respect to organizational performance, and conceptual and empirical interfaces between such approaches as TQM, JIT, ISO campaigns, and management science applications. His accomplishments include the 2002 Wickham Skinner Teaching Innovation Achievements Award (Production and Operations Management Society in recognition of his supervision of 130 actual operations improvement projects by students at the Indiana University South Bend in the only survey OM course at the undergraduate and graduate levels during just a two-year period (1998-2000). At the University of Dayton, Sanjay has led the launch of a state-of-the-art undergraduate program in OM supported by an elite OM Advisory Council, and the development of a CD-ROM that explains the field of OM to incoming freshmen, parents, and employers.

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Nancy Hyer, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University, and **Urban Wemmerlöv**, School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison, are recipients of the 2003 Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing for their book *Reorganizing the Factory: Competing through Cellular Manufacturing* (Productivity Press, 2002). This work was one of four winners in the Research & Profes-



sional Publication category which "recognizes and promotes research and writing regarding new understanding of manufacturing." The award letter says: "Your submission has undergone an extensive review process during the past few months. The examiners for the research award are among the most prestigious academicians and practitioners in the country in terms of manufacturing excellence. You can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment."

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William C. Perkins (Indiana University), Fellow and past president and Distinguished Service Award recipient of DSL, has recently received an "all-university" Distinguished Service Award from Indiana University. Bill will be retiring in the summer of 2003 after



37 years of exceptional service to Indiana University and his profession. He was selected to receive one of two Distinguished Service Awards for the Bloomington Campus "because of the extraordinary model he provides of truly distinguished service." The Distinguished Service Awards were initiated by the Bloomington Faculty Council to recognize leadership and dedication within the University, within a discipline and/or in the community. Congratulations to Bill for this well-deserved award and on the occasion his retirement.

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Andy Vazsonyi (*Decision Line* feature editor) has published a memoir about his life and times in mathematics and decision sciences. In *Which Door Has the*

Cadillac: Adventures of a Real-Life Mathematician (Writers Club Press, 2002), Andy reveals the personal side of a mathematician who passionately believes that the more people know about real-life math, the better their lives will be. Laced with offbeat humor and plenty of anecdotes, *Which Door* provides a lively, personal account of a world shaped by math and decision making. Students especially will find a fascinating look at the early history of their research area (from Pythagoras to Herb Simon). Martin K. Starr, Distinguished Professor of Management Science and Operations Management at Rollins College's Crummer Graduate School of Business, says, "Andy's memoirs are an unconventional trip to places you can never find again with people who remain great even though they are no more, in ways that only Andy's mind can fashion."

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