

NAMES IN THE NEWS

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Mohammad Dadashzadeh, W. Frank Barton Endowed Chair in MIS at Wichita State University, has joined Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan as professor of MIS and the director of the Applied Technology in Business (ATiB) program.
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Les Digman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has recently edited the seventh editions of his popular textbooks *Strategic Management: Competing in the Global Information Age* and *Strategic Management: Cases for the Global Information Age* (Mason, OH: Thomson Custom Publishing, 2004).

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Chan Hahn (Bowling Green University), **Linda Sprague** (China Europe International Business School), and **Jack Meredith** (Wake Forest University), have received the newly created 2003 Distinguished OM Scholar Award from the OM Division of the Academy of Management. The award was created to honor



those with an holistic approach to researching operations management issues and recognizes excellence and commitment to service both in the field as a whole and within the Academy of Management. Chan was noted for his influence on students and junior faculty; Jack was cited for his extraordinary contribution in the empirical research arena; and Linda was described as a catalyst in the OM Division and a remarkable ambassador around the world.

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Nallan C. Suresh received the "Sustained Achievement Exceptional Scholar Award" at State University of New York, Buffalo for 2003. This is a university-wide award recognizing sustained research productivity and all-round contributions to the mission of the university. Since becoming a professor of supply chains & operations management, as well as a part-time faculty member at University of Groningen, Netherlands, he has been active during the last two years in building the supply chain and operations management area at SUNY, Buffalo, as well as initiating new research projects in Europe. He currently teaches in SUNY-Buffalo's Executive MBA programs in Singapore and Buffalo, besides Ph.D and MBA level courses at Buffalo.

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Decision Sciences Journal—Editor Vacancy

Ram Narasimhan's second term as editor of *Decision Sciences* ends December 2004. Pursuant to Institute procedures, the Publications Committee is seeking qualified candidates for this position. The Editor serves three years and may be reappointed to a second three-year term. Anyone interested in the Editorship may contact Jack Meredith, Chair of the Publications Committee. Written inquiries and nominations should be addressed to Jack Meredith, Chair, DSI Publications Committee, at the address below.

The basic responsibility of the *Decision Sciences* Editor is to produce through Blackwell Publishing four quality issues of the Journal in February, May, August, and November of each year. The four issues must appear on schedule.

The exact manner in which the Editor's office operates will obviously vary according to the Editor; however, the major tasks required in the position can be summarized as follows:

1. Maintain a file for each new submission (Managing Editor and Editor). Acknowledge the paper's receipt and delete the author's name from the title page of the paper. The Managing Editor must also call the author's attention to the submission fee whenever it has not been included with a submission. At the same time, the Managing Editor classifies the paper according to its functional areas and methodology using the keywords selected by authors.
2. Include a copy of the submission fee check in the file and forward all checks to the Institute's Home Office, Atlanta (Managing Editor).
3. Peruse each manuscript to determine whether it is appropriate for the Journal and, if it appears to be so, select two appropriate reviewers (Editor). This requires the establishment and maintenance of an

extensive list of referees. Reviewers are constantly added and deleted from a "master" reviewer list, which currently numbers about 1700 (Managing Editor).

4. Request initial reviews (Managing Editor). We ask referees to respond within six weeks (four weeks for electronic submissions).
5. Monitor the articles that are being reviewed by the referees (Managing Editor and Editor). The management information system (MIS) currently being used to help perform all such tracking operations is The Editorial Assistant for Windows version 1.2. The host university will need to provide two computers (for Managing Editor and his/her assistant) and a multifunction printer/copier/fax machine. The current online system for submitting manuscripts

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