

# Midwest Region Annual Meeting Highlights

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Jim Murray, retired president of First Energy Ohio Operations, gives the keynote address.

The Midwest region of Decision Sciences held its 41st Annual Meeting on April 22-24 in Toledo, Ohio at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. There were over 100 submissions of papers, abstracts and workshops which included a special track/mini conference on Project Management. More than 130 people registered for the conference.

The meeting highlights included:

- Keynote address delivered by Mr. Jim Murray, President of First Energy Ohio Operations (ret.) and University of Toledo College of Business Executive-in-Residence. He spoke about the role of Supply Chain Management
- Tour of the KUKA Toledo Production Operations (KTPO) facility that makes the body for the Jeep Wrangler made in Toledo. KTPO is an integrated supplier for the Chrysler assembly plant that is on the same compound.
- Tour of the Toledo Museum of Art.
- Research Paper Sessions: Papers and abstracts that were deemed to be sufficiently developed by the Track Chairs were presented in the “regular” sessions (72 papers).
- Table Topic Sessions: Papers and abstracts that were considered to be at a developmental stage were assigned to one of two Table Topic sessions (30 papers).
- Nine workshops were organized on topics ranging from Structural Equation Modeling to Global Supply Chain Security.
- An Editors Panel was assembled that brought Professors Ken Boyer, Srinivas Talluri, Janet Hartley and Xenophone Koufteros representing the editorial boards of various leading journals.
- Two sessions and one workshop were devoted to Project Management.
- One session was devoted to a panel of Global Supply Chain Management professionals.
- A two-session case competition of Graduate and Undergraduate student teams was conducted.

The conference was hosted by The University of Toledo, with sponsorships from Bowling Green State University, Dominican University, John Carroll University, Western Kentucky University and the Sadat Academy of Management Sciences. ■



Jim Murray receives a plaque of appreciation for the keynote address from Anand Kunnathur.



Paul Hong (University of Toledo) receives the Best Research Paper Award from 2010 MWDSI Program Chair Udayan Nandkeolyar (University of Toledo).