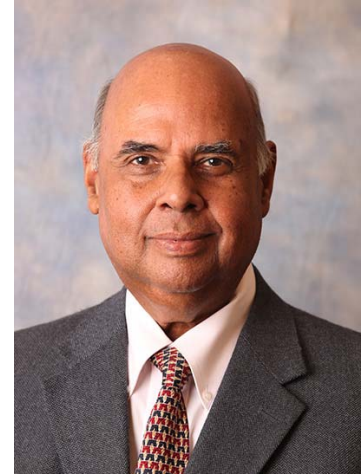


## Recognizing outstanding service to the production and operations management society

### Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award, 2015

The Production and Operations Management Society (*POMS*) created the *POMS Distinguished Service Award* in its annual meeting in Reno, April 29, 2011 to recognize contributions made by its members to the growth of the Society.

In its quest to identify the most deserving person to receive the first award, it was no surprise that the *POMS* Board, consisting of 28 people from around the world, unanimously and very enthusiastically voted at its meeting in Chicago, April 20, 2012, that the first *POMS* Distinguished Service Award should be given to Dr. Sushil K. Gupta, *POMS* Executive Director, Professor at Florida International University (FIU), USA. Sushil was presented with the award during the *POMS* awards ceremony luncheon on April 22, 2012 in Chicago. Immediately after the award was given to Dr. Gupta, Dr. Luk Van Wassenhove, Professor at INSEAD, France, and past president of *POMS*, announced another unanimous decision of the *POMS* Board. Luk proclaimed that this is the first and the last *POMS* Distinguished Service Award. Starting now, the award will be known as the *Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award*. All future *POMS* Distinguished Service awards will be named after Dr. Gupta to honor him for his dedicated services to *POMS*.



Dr. Sushil Gupta has superb administrative skills that have led *POMS* to grow in size, become a stronger society, and truly international in scope. Dr. Gupta has been involved in the planning and execution of all major *POMS* initiatives like increasing membership, establishment of awards, creation of colleges and regional chapters, *POMS* conferences, publications and web development. He has worked successfully and continuously with a diverse constituency from around the globe. Dr. Gupta has been the *POMS* Vice President of membership and then *POMS* President. He was elected a *POMS* Fellow in 2004 - the year that the *POMS* Fellowship was instituted.

The first *Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award* was given at the *POM* Annual Conference Awards Ceremony in Denver, May 3 - May 6, 2013. Dr. Martin K Starr was the first recipient of this award. He was unanimously chosen from a list of excellent candidates. The committee was chaired by Dr. Cheryl Gaimon, Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Dr. Starr facilitated the creation of an identity for production and operations management as an academic discipline not only in the USA but around the world. Dr. Starr has been with POMS since its beginnings. He facilitated the creation of POMS and has been guiding its path towards excellence for the last 25 years. He has served as President of POMS and is now the chair of its Council of Presidents. Dr. Starr has influenced several generations of students and professors with his writings, teaching, and leadership roles in the POM community. Dr. Starr has impacted the corporate world via his writings in practice-oriented journals, consulting assignments; executive development programs, and serving on management boards of various corporations. In 2006, POMS instituted the Martin K. Starr Excellence in Production and Operations Management Practice Award. Dr. Starr has been bestowed with many honors and awards during his career. He was elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science, and Fellow of the Production and Operations Management Society. Dr. Starr served as editor-in-chief of *Management Science* for 15 years from January 1967 to June 1982. Dr. Starr is currently Professor Emeritus in the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University, where he served from 1962 to 1996 and in the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College, where he served from 1996 to 2003.



The Committee for the Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award has unanimously selected two candidates from a slate of excellent nominees - James P. Gilbert and Chelliah Sriskandarajah.

### **James P. Gilbert**

James P. Gilbert, Ph.D. is Professor of Operations Management at the Crummer Graduate School at Rollins College. Professor Gilbert is a Lilly Teaching Fellow, a recipient of the prestigious Richard B. Russell Teaching Award, and several times selected Teacher of the year. Jim is in his 18<sup>th</sup> year at Rollins College. Previously he taught at Western Illinois University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and at the University of Georgia where he was honored with numerous teaching and research awards. Dr. Gilbert has taught outside of the U.S., teaching Contemporary Quality Management at the Institute d'Administration des Entreprises, Universite' Jean Moulin, Lyon, France. Prior to his doctoral studies Jim was Director of Operations and Inventory Planning at the DeVilbiss Corporation in Toledo, Ohio.



Along with his colleague Dr. Richard J. Schonberger, he developed the area of Just-in-Time Purchasing from work originating at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Company of Japan. These purchasing practices are now used worldwide. His teaching, research, and consulting expertise include just-in-time systems, quality management practices, and quantitative decision support for efficient business systems. His research is published in the *California Management Review*, *International Journal of Production Research*, *Business Horizons*, *Quality Management Journal*, *Society for the Advancement of Management Journal*, among others.

Professor Gilbert is very active in scholarly and professional organizations. Jim was co-general chair and program chair for the Production & Operations Management Society's International Conference in Shanghai, China held at the China-Europe International Business School (CEIBS). He is past Division Chair of the Operations Management Division of the Academy of Management. Jim was twice selected to 3-years terms as vice-president for meetings for the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) and continues to serve as vice president for communications and on the Board of Director's. Dr. Gilbert's consulting projects include clients such as: Cirent Semiconductors (now Agere Systems), Scholastic Books Fairs, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Scholastic, Inc., PEMCO Aviation Group, Asia Bovea Brown (ABB), HTE, Inc. among others. His consulting work has taken him throughout the U.S., Europe, and the far East.

### **Chelliah Sriskandarajah**

Chelliah Sriskandarajah is a professor of Operations Management and holds the Hugh Roy Cullen Chair at the Mays Business School, Texas A&M University. He has a PhD degree from the National Polytechnic Institute of Grenoble (France) in the field of Production Management. Dr. Sriskandarajah's research interests lie in the general area of supply chain management, logistics, production planning and scheduling, and performance evaluation of production / service systems. He serves as Vice President Finance for Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) since March 2013. Dr. Sriskandarajah was inducted as a POMS fellow in April 2012, the most prestigious honor awarded by the Production and Operations Management Society. He has served as the Associate Executive Director of POMS for eight years (March 2004 to April 2012). Dr. Sriskandarajah has been serving as the Departmental Editor of Production and Operations Management Journal since July 2012, and has served as the Senior Editor from January 2006 to July 2012. He has also served as the General Chair of POMS 22nd Annual Conference held at Reno, Nevada in 2011. He has published over 100 scholarly articles in leading international journals. Over the years, his research has been supported by a number of sponsors including National Science Foundation (USA) and Natural Sciences



and Engineering Research Council (Canada), Manufacturing Research Cooperation of Ontario (Canada). He is a member of POMS and INFORMS.

**Sushil K. Gupta POMS Distinguished Service Award Committee Members:**

- Kalyan Singhal (Chair), University of Baltimore
- Annabelle Feng, Purdue University
- Glen Schmidt, University of Utah
- Gal Raz, University of Virginia