

## 2006 POMS Emerging Scholars Program

This year marked the third year of the POMS Emerging Scholars Program and, like the first two, it was a wonderful success.

The Production and Operations Management Society is committed to fostering the development of new professionals pursuing academic careers in the field of OM, and has thus commissioned this special session of the conference. The program's goal was to provide junior OM professionals with career-building advice in developing excellence in their personal programs of teaching, research, and service in operations management.

The program consisted of a set of guided discussions on topics relevant to academic career-building in the field of POM. The discussions covered a broad range of topics such as excelling in the classroom, new methodologies for research and teaching, book writing, charting and managing a winning research stream, choosing publication outlets, dealing with lazy editors, dealing with impertinent reviewers, doing research in non-PhD granting universities, funded research, professional service (getting involved with what and when), service opportunities in POMS, consulting, juggling your activities – doing it all, setting priorities, and other relevant issues.

This year's program had one thing missing: Jack Kanet. The Emerging Scholars Program is Jack's brainchild and was conceived and carried out by him. Unfortunately, Jack had to undergo surgery, coincidentally, at the precise moment of the start of this year's program. He is doing just fine and we can expect Jack to be back for the fourth installment next year in Dallas. Mike Magazine and Craig Froehle filled in as facilitators this year, but are committed to turning it back to Jack next year.

Participating emerging scholars for 2006 included (see group photo below):

Aydin Alptekinoglu	University of Florida
Gopesh Anand	The Ohio State University
Ednilson Bernardes	Georgia Southern University
Annabelle Feng	The University of Texas at Dallas
Gregory Graman	Michigan Technological University
Katariina Kemppainen	Helsinki School of Economics
Changyue Luo	New Mexico Tech
Michael Naor	George Mason University
Hamieda Parker	University of Cape Town
Surya Pathak	Vanderbilt University
Saibal Ray	McGill University
Rachna Shah	University of Minnesota
Tomoaki Shimada	International University of Japan
John Visich	Bryant University
Charles Wang	State University of New York at Buffalo
Honggeng Zhou	University of New Hampshire

We also had a lively group of invited senior participant leaders, many of whom have been there for all three Emerging Scholars events. They were:

Barb Flynn	Wake Forest University
Jim Gilbert	Rollins College
Robert Hayes	Harvard University
Jo van Nunen	Erasmus University
Nadia Sanders	Wright State University
Wick Skinner	Harvard University (emeritus)
Marty Starr	Rollins College

We were also fortunate to have POMS President Kasra Ferdows of Georgetown University and Rafael Menda from McNeil Pharmaceuticals drop by and participate in our discussion.

Overall, we believe that sharing the views of our senior leaders with new scholars in our field is a wonderful experience. The discussion was energetic and all participants left enthusiastic in the belief of the future of our profession and of POMS.

Craig Froehle  
Mike Magazine  
University of Cincinnati



**Pictured (left to right):** James Gilbert, Mike Magazine, Surya Pathak, Rafael Mendez, Gopesh Anand, Hamieda Parker, John Visich, Marty Starr, Ednilson Bernardes, Bob Hayes, Tomoaki Shimada, Barb Flynn, Kasra Ferdows, Katariina Kempainen, Greg Graman, Aydin Alptekinoglu, Wick Skinner, Annabelle Feng, Saibal Ray, Charles Wang, Craig Froehle, Rachna Shah, Jo Van Nunen, Changyue Luo, Nadia Sanders