POM-2007, the eighteenth annual conference of the Production and Operations Management Society, will convene in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. from Friday, May 4 through Monday, May 7, 2007.

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at the Fairmont Hotel. The Fairmont, located in the Arts District of downtown Dallas, should prove to be an excellent location for our meeting. Early May promises great Texas weather, and easy access through the Dallas/Fort Worth International airport from anywhere in the world. The room rate for single or double occupancy is $184 per night plus taxes. An extra person can stay in the room for an additional $30. Additional information for making reservations is available on POMS website www.poms.org.

Plenary Speakers: We are in the process of lining up exciting industry and academic leaders to speak during the conference.

Contributed Papers: Papers are invited on all topics related to teaching, research, and practice of OM. Current tracks and track chairs include, but are not limited to, the following:

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**Invited Sessions:** If you would like to organize an invited session, please contact the appropriate Track Chair or the Program Chair at Yunzeng.wang@utdallas.edu by December 15, 2006.

**Tutorials/Workshops:** Tutorial and workshop proposals are encouraged. Please contact the Program Chair at Yunzeng.wang@utdallas.edu by December 15, 2006 if you have an interest.

**Doctoral Student Consortium:** The Doctoral Student Consortium provides an excellent opportunity for career development and networking with prominent academicians and practitioners. Application information will be available on the POMS website http://www.poms.org beginning November 30, 2006.

**Emerging Scholars Program:** This program was a huge success at last year’s conference. The focus of this session is on junior faculty and will consist of a set of guided discussions on topics related with academic career building in Operations Management led by some of the most noted names in the field. Application information will be available on the POMS website http://www.poms.org beginning November 30, 2006.

**Wickham Skinner Awards:** POM will continue to offer the Wickham Skinner Awards to recognize excellence in contributions to the POM field. Details of the awards will be available on the POMS website http://www.poms.org beginning November 30, 2006.

**CIBER International Case Writing Award:** Indiana University CIBER is pleased to announce the eighth CIBER International Case Writing Award in the amount of $2500. For additional information contact Roger Schmenner at rschmenn@iupui.edu.

**Martin K. Starr Excellence in POM Practice (E-POMP) Award:** The Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) has instituted the Martin K. Starr Excellence in POM Practice (E-POMP) Award to recognize contributions made to the field of Production and Operations Management (POM) by POM practitioners. Details of the award are available on the POMS website http://www.poms.org. For additional information contact Sushil Gupta at poms@fiu.edu.

**Abstract Submission:** The deadline for submissions of abstracts is January 15, 2007. All abstracts must be submitted via the POMS website http://www.poms.org. The website will be available for submitting abstracts beginning November 30, 2006. Abstracts should be limited to 150 words. A registered author may not be allowed to present more than three papers due to scheduling conflicts. Acceptance of abstracts will be notified through e-mail by January 22, 2007. If you need a hard copy of the acceptance letter for traveling visa and other purposes, please contact Sophia G Orme at sgo041000@utdallas.edu.
Submission of Full Length Papers: Submission of full length papers is not mandatory for participation and presentation of papers in the conference. However, participants may submit full length papers to be published in the electronic proceedings of the conference. POMS website http://www.poms.org will be available between February 15 and February 28, 2007 for submission of full length papers. Acceptance of full length papers will be notified through e-mail by March 7, 2007.

Hotel Room Rates: Special room rates have been worked out with Fairmont Hotel Dallas, 1717 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, USA (Phone: 214-720-2020). These special rates are $184.00 (single/double), $284.00 (suite). Hotel reservation details will be provided by November 30, 2006 on the POMS website http://www.poms.org.

Conference Registration: All registration for the conference will be done on line through the POMS website http://www.poms.org. The website will be available for registration beginning January 22, 2007 and close on April 10, 2007. The registration fees are as follows:

Members: $375 by February 15, $425 between February 16 and March 7, $475 between March 8 and April 10. The on site registration fee is $525.

Non-Members: $400 by February 15, $450 between February 16 and March 7, $500 between March 8 and April 10. The on site registration fee is $550.

Students and Retirees: $105 by February 15, $125 between February 16 and March 7, $145 between March 8 and April 10. The on site registration fee is $160.

Any future revisions of this announcement will be posted on the POMS website http://www.poms.org. Please feel free to contact us if you have any improvement ideas. Thank you.

Important Dates

November 30, 2006: Date when the website will be available for abstract submission
November 30, 2006: Date when information for Emerging Scholars Program and the Doctoral Student Consortium will be available
December 15, 2006: Deadline for proposals for tutorial or invited session
January 15, 2007: Deadline for submission of abstracts
February 28, 2007: Deadline for submission of complete papers for publication in proceedings
January 22, 2007: On-line registration is available.
January 22, 2007: Deadline for acceptance/rejection of abstracts.
March 7, 2007: Deadline for acceptance/rejection of submitted full papers

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