

**INTERNATIONAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLY EDUCATION AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION
WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER**



Dear IPSERA colleagues

I am pleased to send you the latest newsletter for the IPSERA community, reporting on events, appointments, vacancies and forthcoming special issues, and updating you on the conference which begins next week.

We look forward to seeing many of you in Amsterdam very soon. There is a busy programme for the conference itself and for associated events such as the doctoral symposium.

Don't forget: you are invited to IPSERA's Annual General Meeting (March 31st 2015, 16:20). Do come along! The committee will report on 2014/15 activities, present several proposals for new initiatives and update you on planning for future conferences. There is much to discuss but we won't take long - we promise we won't make you (or us!) late for the conference dinner!

For those of you who won't be coming to the 2015 conference: do keep in contact, via the committee or through the various IPSERA nodes and centres of excellence. Contact details and further information are available via IPSERA's new website at <http://www.ipsera.com/>

With best wishes
Louise

Louise Knight (Aston, UK) on behalf of IPSERA's executive committee

PS please forward this email to colleagues who are not (yet!) members of the IPSERA who may be interested in joining our community.
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IPSERA 2015 CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

The IPSERA 2015 conference in Amsterdam formally kicks off with an opening reception in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Sunday 29th of March at 18:00. During the day on Sunday we have the doctoral symposium led by Davide Luzzini and the Educator's Conference led by Donna Marshall and Steve Kelly. Christine Harland will open the doctoral meeting with a Masterclass focused on the impact of purchasing and supply chain management research. The theme for the Educator's conference is "Addressing competitive challenges through supplier management education".

For further details and the full programme of presentations, please go to the conference website:

<http://www.ipsera2015.com/>

DEVELOPING IPSERA: COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT

The exec committee has been working on various proposals for developing IPSERA, which we will present to the AGM. One is to award one or more COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS during 2015/2016 to support initiatives which would have an enduring impact on the IPSERA community. For example, this could be by linking up existing members in new ways (better use of social media?), building new sub-groups (early career researchers?), developing links with other

associations etc etc. If you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them. Louise Knight and Michael Henke are the IPSERA committee leads for this proposal, but catch up with any of the committee to discuss further.

CALL FOR PAPERS: JSCM ON POWER IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

The *Journal of Supply Chain Management* has a special topic forum on power in supply chain management. See attached pdf for further details. Closing date for submissions: December 31, 2015

CALL FOR CASE STUDY CONTRIBUTIONS – KOGAN PAGE

Kogan Page is launching a new online subscription-based case study library in the summer, which is designed for professors and students within logistics, operations and supply chain management. We invite submissions from all areas of purchasing and supply management and are looking for both qualitative and quantitative based case studies. Contributions should be between 1,000 to 4,000 words long and should fit a basic structure as follows: background introduction, specific case exploration, and finally 4 – 6 questions accompanied by their suggested answers or guidance to answers. Please contact Geraldine Collard at Kogan Page on gcollard@koganpage.com for more information. Closing date for submissions: 20th April 2015

JOB VACANCIES

ASTON UNIVERSITY (UK) VACANCY

Aston University (UK) seeks a Logistics (modelling and simulation) OR Purchasing and supply expert to join the Engineering Systems and Management Group, as **Lecturer or Senior Lecturer**, depending on experience (= Assistant Prof or Associate Prof). The Engineering Systems and Management Group has a long tradition of educating supply chain professionals, as well as of carrying out leading edge research in this critical field. We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic individual to contribute to these developments. The successful candidate will teach Logistics/supply management at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, supervise research students and be research active. Activities will include supporting the Group's work in broadening and deepening its links with industry. For further details, see Aston website: <https://jobs.aston.ac.uk/Vacancy.aspx?id=1543&forced=1>. [For informal discussion: Louise Knight and Dan Chicksand from Aston will be at the conference.] Closing date: April 10, 2015

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN VACANCY

Research Assistant in Manufacturing Competitiveness & Supply Chain Best Practices University College Dublin seeks a Research Assistant (RA) to work on the Manufacturing Competitiveness & Supply Chain Best Practices stream in the recently launched Irish Dairy Processing Technology Centre (DPTC). The role will involve the identification and mapping of supply chain and manufacturing best practice techniques in the global dairy processing sector and the benchmarking of these against the supply chain and manufacturing practices within the Irish sector, in particular the industry partners in the DPTC. Interested applicants should review the full job description (reference number 007274) on the UCD Human Resources website (<http://www.ucd.ie/hr/jobvacancies/>). For informal discussion, please contact Dr. Vincent Hargaden (vincent.hargaden@ucd.ie). [Donna Marshall from UCD will be at the conference] Closing date: April 10, 2015

CRANFIELD SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (UK) VACANCY

The **Centre for Logistics & Supply Chain Management at Cranfield School of Management** is going to appoint **one Lecturer and one Senior Lecturer in the Supply Chain Management field**. We are looking for candidates in the overall field of Supply Chain Management and we will particularly welcome applications from candidates with an expertise in the areas of procurement and sourcing, intermodal transportation, IS/IT in logistics. Informal enquiries for this post can be made to: Professor Michael Bourlakis, Director of Demand Chain Management Community (m.bourlakis@cranfield.ac.uk) and applications can be made online at www.cranfield.ac.uk/hr. Closing date: April 19, 2015

NEWS FROM IPSERA NODES AND CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

<http://www.ipsera.com/page-1737669>

MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL HENKE

Following a good tradition we have planned to have lunch together with you at the church hall on Tuesday 31 March 12:45-13:45, to have an exchange of the newest information of each of your activities in your Nodes and Academic Centres of Excellence. We would like to put the emphasis on a discussion about Public Procurement in the context of Horizon 2020 calls. I am looking forward to see you all in Amsterdam and I wish you all a pleasant journey to Amsterdam

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (US)

VCU welcomes Dr. Lance Saunders

The Department of Supply Chain Management welcomes Dr. Lance Saunders, PE, Ph.D. as a new faculty member. Dr. Saunders attained his PhD in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Virginia Tech, and is a registered Professional Engineer of Industrial Engineering. His research has been funded by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Air Liquide, Proctor & Gamble, Ryder Logistics, and Volvo Trucks. He has also published multiple papers surrounding the development of analytical models for improving logistics and distribution performance, as well as how social sustainability practices are effectively implemented at the supply chain level.

Professor Joe Miemczyk Visiting Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Joe Miemczyk, associate professor in Operations and Supply Chain Management at Audencia Nantes Ecole de Management in Nantes, France has joined the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business as a Global Visiting Scholar for the 2014-2015 academic year. The Global Visiting Scholar award, offered by the VCU Global Education Office, supports departments or schools in hosting an international scholar for a semester or academic year who will contribute to enriching the learning and scholarship of the unit. Dr. George Zsidisin, professor in the VCU School of Business Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics, is hosting Professor Miemczyk during his time here. Together, in conjunction with Dr. Lance Saunders, they are conducting research in the area of Sustainable Supply Chain Management in Emerging Regions.

Nodes Chairing Special Track Session at European Decision Sciences Institute

Dr. George A. Zsidisin, Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and Dr. Joe Miemczyk, Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management, Audencia Nantes Ecole de Management, France and Visiting Professor at the VCU Department of Supply Chain Management are co-chairing a special track session on "Supply Chain Management and Social Sustainability in Emerging Economies" at the European Decision Sciences Institute Meeting, May 31 to June 3, 2015 in Taormina, Italy.

The aim of this track is to bring together research in the field of social sustainability in supply chains with a specific focus on the challenges faced in emerging economies. We believe this is an important area with the potential for significant research development both to test existing theory in new contexts and to build new theories for new situations. The subject is also topical with recent disasters in countries such as Bangladesh and new rules for western companies sourcing minerals from conflict zones in Africa. Therefore supply chains are a relevant lens because many issues remains 'hidden' from view for companies and their consumers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ROLES AND CONTACT DETAILS

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

DON'T FORGET / DON'T WAIT:

Send news to include in future IPSERA newsletters to l.knight2@aston.ac.uk

Send it anytime, putting 'IPSERA NEWSLETTER' in the subject line

Thanks and best wishes, Louise