



International Purchasing and Supply
Education and Research Association

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Dear IPSERA Members and Friends

It's just a few more days before many members will set off for Dortmund. Our hosts for the 2016 Annual Conference have been extremely busy finalising the details for what promises to be another excellent conference. There's a brief conference update below, and a couple of **requests**. Please read on and respond, if appropriate.

We also have committee news and announcements. Do contact members of the committee at the conference if you would like to know more about the funding opportunities.

As usual, we will have the Annual General Meeting at the end of Tuesday afternoon (4.50pm). As agreed at the last AGM, the Committee has reviewed the Constitution and proposed some changes. Most of these are to bring the constitution up-to-date and align it with the Association's working practices. There's more information below.

Formal invitations to the AGM have been sent to those whose membership was up-to-date a couple of weeks back. It's not too late to join, and we encourage you to do so and keep in contact with us, even if you cannot make the conference.

Please also take a moment to consider which of your colleagues and students may be interested in any of these items, and forward the email to them. And don't forget to send us information for future newsletters.

Best wishes, *The IPSERA Executive Committee*

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News from the IPSERA conference team in Dortmund:

The latest version of the **programme** is available on line. Please see the conference website: www.ipsera2016.com.

Social media:

We will have a twitter wall at the conference. Our twitter account is @ipsera and our hashtag for the conference is #ipsera2016. Everyone is more than welcome to follow us. Also, consider joining our Facebook group IPSERA for updates before and during the conference.

Nodes meeting:

Would all those leading an IPSERA node please join the Nodes meeting on Tuesday lunchtime (March 22) from 1240 to 1340?

From the IPSERA Committee:

Celebrating Achievements

The Conference social events are a great opportunity to celebrate members' achievements in the last year. We know of various promotions and successful doctoral defences among regular conference participants. Please help us collate a full list - tell us of your IPSERA friends' and colleagues' successes (and self reporting is good too!) even if they won't make it to the conference this year. The link will take you to a super-simple form to provide name, affiliation and achievement. <http://tinyurl.com/huak7oy> THANKS!

Updating IPSERA's Constitution

Please find attached a document summarising some amendments to the IPSERA constitution that will be presented at the AGM on Tues 22nd March at 4.30pm. If you have any questions please get in touch with the Secretary, *Donna Marshall* at donna.marshall@ucd.ie

Bursaries and Awards

At the last conference, the AGM supported our proposal to widen the portfolio of bursaries and awards. Our goal is to recognise extraordinary achievements and to co-fund community building initiatives within our academic discipline. For detailed information on each of these new initiatives please refer to <http://www.ipsera.com/page-1737640>. We look forward to updating you on these at the 2016 AGM and the conference social events.

Community Building Bursary

We would particularly like to draw your attention to this new bursary. It's flexible and, for the right applicant(s), generous!

The community building bursary provides financial support to research and educational initiatives within the scope of IPSERA network (i.e. specific workshops or seminars) or short-term visiting scholar support (i.e. for development of a joint research proposal). The financial support is NOT limited to the above examples. For the year 2016/17, we have 3,000€ available for community building bursaries. The IPSERA executive committee jointly decides on the amount of funds awarded to each individual proposal once all submitted applications have been reviewed. The deadline for submissions is **30 June 2016**. Your proposals should outline the (1) purpose of your initiative, (2) the expected benefits to IPSERA community, (3) the expected educational or scientific contribution as well as (4) a detailed financial plan. Moreover, the proposals should not exceed the two pages (A4, TNR12, single-spaced).

Please contact *Kai Foerstl*, Exec committee, lead for bursaries at the conference or by email Kai.Foerstl@ggs.de to find out more, or have an informal chat with any of the committee members at the conference.

Job Opportunities

Cardiff Business School. United Kingdom

Cardiff Business School is about to advertise for 10 Early Career Lectureships to attract rising stars who wish to join us on a research contract of 50% teaching load reduction and £3000 per year research funding. Tempted?

The Logistics and Operations Management section in CARBS is Europe's largest and was key to our highest REF ranking outside Oxbridge and Imperial. Our research strategy is to develop in contemporary theme areas of:

- sustainable public and private value networks
- 'e' supply chain integration and ICT
- big data analytics and informatics
- new platforms and business models
- service improvement and operations excellence.

We encourage you to apply and chat with us about where this exciting, expanding group is heading. Please talk to Jane Lynch, Aris Syntetos or *Helen Walker* at the IPSERA conference.

Aalto University School of Science, Finland

Aalto University is a community of bold thinkers where science and art meet technology and business. Aalto University has six schools with nearly 20 000 students and 4 700 employees, 390 of which are professors. Our campuses are located in Espoo and Helsinki, Finland.

Aalto University School of Science invites applications for: TENURE TRACK OR TENURED POSITION IN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT WHICH CAN BE FILLED ON ANY LEVEL FROM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TO TENURED PROFESSOR

The tenure track is open to talented individuals who have excellent potential for a scientific career. On the basis of their experience and competence, applicants will be placed on any of the three levels of the tenure track system: Assistant Professor (1st or 2nd term), Associate Professor or Full Professor. The candidates for the two first-mentioned levels are appointed for a fixed term, while the candidates for Associate Professor positions are appointed either permanently or for a fixed term. The full professor positions are permanent positions. The field of the position is operations management, which covers broadly planning and control of resources and processes in the demand-supply network through the entire product life cycle. In accordance with the strategy of the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, the focus of the position is challenges and opportunities of the operations of technology-based business.

For more information, please see http://tuta.aalto.fi/en/about/open_positions/

Several Aalto faculty will be at the conference. For specific details on this vacancy, please speak with Kari Tanskanen.

If you are recruiting...

... and would like IPSERA members to know of the opportunity ahead of the conference, send an email to *Louise Knight* (l.knight2@aston.ac.uk) with short description not later than end Thursday March 17. Ideally, please say who members can speak with at the conference should they want to find out more.

Announcements: Special issue Calls for Papers, Doctoral Workshops

Academy of Management: 2016 OM Division Joint Junior Faculty and Doctoral Consortium

The Operations Management Division is proud to announce a joint Junior Faculty and Doctoral Consortium at the annual meeting of the **Academy of Management (AoM) in Anaheim, CA, USA**. This event will be held from **8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 6th, 2016**. The AoM Conference is a premier venue for empirically focused OM research.

Building on previous years' format, all participating junior faculty and doctoral students are going to stay together throughout the day. A group of more senior OM scholars will serve as faculty mentors, and the junior faculty members are also expected to share their experiences with the doctoral students. In addition, we will have an interactive session about recommended conduct in empirical research followed by a panel discussion with editors from top tier journals in the field.

The joint consortium is primarily composed of two integrated sessions. After a welcome breakfast, the morning session invites junior faculty and doctoral students to present their research prospectus describing how they are extending their dissertation research and/or starting new research streams. This session will follow an intensive research incubator format. Each student will give a 15-min presentation about his/her research proposal to a panel of senior and junior faculty who will provide feedback and guidance on each proposal. We will convene with everybody to have a nice sit-down lunch during which participants and mentors can get to know each other in an informal setting.

In the afternoon session, we will have discussion sessions regarding recommended conduct in empirical research as well as personal dilemmas in a career in academia. After each discussion session, a group of panelists will provide feedback and answer questions.

Doctoral students and junior faculty doing research on any Operations Management topic may participate. However, preference will be given to students and junior faculty employing empirical research techniques. Students who have attended other conferences' doctoral consortia find this consortium uniquely beneficial due to its intensive focus on developing research. In our format, junior faculty are put in a unique position of receiving advice from senior faculty as well as acting as mentors for doctoral students.

The consortium coordinators are **Dina Ribbink** (dribbink@ivey.ca) for the junior faculty and **Finn Wynstra** (fwynstra@rsm.nl) for the doctoral students. If you are interested in attending the Joint Junior Faculty and Doctoral Consortium, you need to send your application by e-mail to the relevant coordinator by **April 15, 2016**. Applications will be acknowledged via email by May 15.

The applications should include: (i) a vita, (ii) full contact information, (iii) advisor's contact information (doctoral students only), (iv) a one-sentence statement on your stage in the doctoral program (doctoral students only), (v) a one-page summary of your dissertation research (doctoral students only), and (vi) a one-page research prospectus (junior faculty only).

Doctoral students should also indicate whether they apply for a travel grant from the OM Division Student Assistance Fund. (If interested, please provide a separate cover letter and a reference by your doctoral advisor addressing financial need.)

All senior faculty interested in mentoring please contact either coordinator.

For any questions, please contact Dina Ribbink (dribbink@ivey.ca) or Finn Wynstra (fwynstra@rsm.nl).

Summer School 2016 at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University, NL

These advanced doctoral-level courses are open to graduate students (Research Master and PhD), researchers and professionals within and beyond the Netherlands, who want to improve their data analysis skills or competences in the specific field of knowledge.

Within the ERIM Summer School 2016, you can choose from the following courses:

[Multilevel Analysis in SPSS](#)

by Jeremy Dawson, 13 - 14 June 2016

[Necessary Condition Analysis: Theory and Practice](#)

by Jan Dul, 20 – 21 June 2016

[Corporate Governance,](#)

by David Yermack, 22-24 June 2016

[Mediation, Moderation, and Conditional Process Modeling](#)

by Ioannis Evangelidis, 29 June – 1 July 2016

[Going beyond data synthesis: Meta-analysis for theory advancement in business and economic research](#)

by Marc van Essen, 4 - 6 July 2016

[Panel Data Econometrics: Theory and Practice](#)

by Marno Verbeek, 6 - 8 July 2016

Please note that the number of participants per course is limited, therefore we advise you to register as soon as possible. Registration is now open at <http://www.irim.eur.nl/doctoral-programme/courses/summer-school/>.

IPSERA contacts at RSM: Finn Wynstra and Erik van Raaij

*Special Issue of [Production Planning and Control](#) on **Redistributed Manufacturing***

The main objective of this special issue is to fill the knowledge gaps concerning our current understanding of how manufacturing organisations and stakeholders can exploit the potential of Redistributed Manufacturing (RDM) to create economic and social benefits. Specifically, this special issue invites practitioners and researchers in operations management to explore key issues affecting the implementation of RDM, such as:

- Evolution or performance of production technologies and systems enabling RDM
- Analysis of RDM impact on existing value chains and supply networks (e.g. resilience, reconfiguration)
- Literature surveys of industry specific RDM-related applications
- Infrastructure and urban planning for RDM
- Economic and operations data on RDM impact and financial investment decision-making
- Human factors and user-design in RDM scenarios
- Management of risk, compliance, regulation of IP, standards and quality assurance models
- Innovator profiles and new forms of engineering organisation
- RDM commercialisation case studies and new business models
- Transformation of the manufacturing-services interface
- Cross-disciplinary collaboration in design and production
- Circular economy and remanufacturing, resource resilience and sustainability
- Deploying RDM in challenging environments

Further details available at <http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/est/redistributed-manufacturing-call>

Submission deadline: **30th September 2016**.

Contact: Dharm Kapletia, Senior Research Fellow, University of the West of England
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Special issue of *International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management* (IJDLM) on [Omni-Channels](#)

Professor Michael Bourlakis, Professor Richard Wilding, Mike Bernon and Sorosh Saghiri are pleased to be able to secure a submission deadline: **30th September 2016**. This special issue intends to address the growing opportunities for the research on omni-channel supply chains and to provide managers with the latest, up-to-date studies in this field.

Full details of this special issue can be found in the call for papers, attached, and also in the IJDLM webpage

http://www.emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/call_for_papers.htm?id=6507

Contact: Soroosh Sam Saghiri, School of Management, Cranfield University, s.saghiri@cranfield.ac.uk

IPSERA Nodes reports

WION; where else?

The Workshop Inkoop Onderzoek Nederland (WION; “Workshop Purchasing Research Netherlands”) is a yearly event where researchers in Purchasing and Supply Management from the Netherlands (and Flanders) meet to discuss their work, and share current trends and developments in research methodology and education. Every year, around 30-40 researchers from across the country gather for the two-day conference at a central location, with an overnight stay. Twelve previous editions of WION have been organized by Prof. dr. Arjan van Weele from TU Eindhoven. This year Prof. dr. Finn Wynstra from Rotterdam School of Management took over.

Central to the conference are one-hour discussions of working papers (including IPSERA conference papers to be) by the participants, with two assigned reviewers and several other ad-hoc discussants. Where else do you get the opportunity to talk for one hour about a single paper? This is a great opportunity to present work to like-minded people, especially for young researchers (PhD’s, post-docs, etc.). Additionally, academics from adjacent fields are invited to present their view on PSM research and challenge our (sometimes restricted) views. There is also plenty of time to interact and have fun, for example during dinner and drinks. The spoken language in all the sessions is Dutch.

This year, on 19 and 20 January, the 13th WION Workshop was held, as always, in Lunteren. Daan Andriessen (from University of Applied Sciences Utrecht) gave a lecture on Practice-Oriented Research. Jeroen Wegkamp (CPO of NS – Dutch Railways) discussed purchasing in practice and how developments and need for knowledge arise in his organization. NEVI, the Dutch association for purchasing professionals was also present to share their new strategic vision with the audience.

Furthermore, three parallel masterclasses on research methodology were held. Chris Snijders (TU Eindhoven) discussed the hot topic of Big Data and what PSM researchers can do with it. Erik van Raaij (RSM) discussed (the problems with) Cross-Sectional Single Informant Self-Administered Questionnaires (CSISAQs) and what we should do about it. Robert Suurmond (RSM) discussed how structured literature reviews, and in particular meta-analyses, can be used, and are used, to synthesize the literature.

Overall, the workshop is a great way to meet the Dutch community of Purchasing and Supply Management researchers. This year, the workshop was generously sponsored by the Erasmus Research Institute of Management (ERIM) and by the International Purchasing and Supply Education and Research Association (IPSERA).

We invite IPSERA members interested in hosting a similar event in their country to contact Finn Wynstra or Erik van Raaij for more information: [fwynstra/eraaij]@rsm.nl. Many WION participants will also join the IPSERA conference in Dortmund so you can also find us there to discuss this in more detail. We will be happy to share our insights.

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with "IPSERA Newsletter" in the subject line