

Welcome Message from the Conference Chair

Welcome to the POMS 2017 International Conference in Sydney, Australia. Our theme this year, “Navigating the Future: Innovative Technologies and Methodologies in Operations Management”, brings together academic and industry experts to share the emerging issues, research, and trends in operations management and supply chain management. This conference has been generously hosted and sponsored by Macquarie Graduate School of Management (MGSM) and is held at the Sydney central business district campus of Macquarie University.

We have been fortunate to have great industry participation in our Keynote Address and four Plenary Panels. These form an impressive group who will share their organisations’ experiences in innovation, supply chain management, sustainability and data analytics.

The core elements of this conference are the Academic Presentations in a diverse and contemporary range of eight track sessions, offered in seven parallel sessions, and two exciting workshops. The “*Meet the Editors*” session will provide guidance for prospective authors in top journals like *JOM*, *POMS*, *Management Science*, *M&SOM*, *JSCM*, and *Operations Research*.



I was fortunate to have the support and voluntary contribution of our POMS academic community, family and friends. Our Executive Dean, Stephen Brammer, has provided a solid support for this conference and the POMS community in general. Promotions for this conference were very active through our various Planning Committees, especially by Sushil Gupta, Nagesh Murthy, Marty Starr, Chris Voss, Virpi Turkulainen and Yoshi Matsui. For the Conference Proceedings, I have had valuable and untiring assistance from Vik Kortian, Julie Cox and my daughter, Andrea Harrison. Many participants for the Industry Plenary sessions were sourced by Vik, Julie and Debbie Haski-Leventhal. We would never have got this far if not for our valuable MGSM professional administrative staff, especially those in Facilities management, Digital and On-line development, and the Student Services and Finance teams. Our MBA students have also generously volunteered their services. My sincere gratitude goes to Merhdokht Pournader for her useful contribution in the initial stages of the conference management. All in all, a great team effort!

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, the conference registrants, for your attendance and participation in this Conference. We hope you will enjoy the content and networking, as well as the social functions that will showcase our beautiful harbour city.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norma J. Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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