

Letter from the EurOMA President



The attentive readers among you will have noticed that the June Newsletter has this year “evolved” into the July Newsletter. Indeed, we have decided to publish the newsletter a few weeks later than we used to, allowing us to report on the many events that have happened during the recent EurOMA 2008 annual conference in Groningen: the key-note speeches, the winners of the Chris Voss Best Paper Awards, the winners of the Emerald Awards for Excellence, the introduction of the newly elected EurOMA Board Members, etc. So, this issue will be a nice souvenir if you were there, and a motivation to be with us next time in Göteborg if you missed this year’s EurOMA conference!

Whereas our June Newsletter used to reach you in the busy closing month of the academic year, we hope that the July edition will now reach you in the more quiet summer period. The summer break is, for many among us, a time for reading, for writing, for reflecting, for discovering new research areas, for identifying new research topics.

The field of OM is evolving, new themes are emerging. The globalization, the changing climate, the booming economy in developing countries, the slow-down of the economy in the developed countries, it all has an impact on what we study in OM. The social and ecological footprint of the supply chain, for example, gets more and more attention. The search for human capital, the retention and rewarding of human resources, have come to the attention of operations researchers.

Bearing witness to these new trends: POMS has launched two new colleges, the College of Human Behaviour in Operations Management, and the College of Sustainable Operations. The journal *Human Resource Management* is planning a special issue on “Human Resources Management and the Supply Chain”. The award-winning paper at EurOMA 2008 conference discusses socially responsive practices in the supply chain. As in previous years, EurOMA will continue to be a platform where researchers meet and discuss these emerging trends.

As you will read in this newsletter, EurOMA is also committed to supporting OM scholars in their continued development. Together with EIASM, we have a long tradition of doctoral education and research methodology workshops. A new initiative coming up in October is the Publishing Workshop, supporting scholars to get their research published in the top journals. Other such initiatives are currently being developed, and will be announced soon.

I wish you a relaxing summer break! And we hope you will enjoy reading the Newsletter!

Ann Vereecke (ann.vereecke@vlerick.be)

Message from the new EurOMA Executive Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Dear EurOMA Members,

It was a pleasure to meet many of you at the EurOMA 2008 conference in Groningen. I was able to put faces to some of the names I have been seeing since Audrey O'Connor's departure last December, and to better understand how the association operates. I discovered that you are a very dedicated and hardworking group of people, yet are also social and communicative – an excellent combination for professional networking and cooperative projects.

Should you have any questions about EurOMA, your membership status, or if you would like to contribute to your newsletter or website, please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns and valuable input.

Happy summer everyone!

Ene Kannel
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Upcoming EurOMA annual conferences...

2009: 16th International Annual EurOMA Conference

Göteborg, Sweden

14-17 June 2009

"Implementation – realizing Operations Management knowledge"

and **8th Doctoral Seminar**

12-13 June 2009

<http://www.euroma2009.org/>

2010: 17th International Annual EurOMA Conference

"Managing Operations in Service Economies"

and **9th Doctoral Seminar**

Porto, Portugal

June 2010

Coming next year

EurOMA 2009 – Göteborg, Sweden

14-17 June 2009

and 8th Doctoral Seminar

12-13 June 2009

INVITATION

Operations Management research takes the starting point in industrial challenges and practical problems. It is conducted in interaction with industry and practice, and should be a driver for short and long term change. As a consequence, the research involves several disciplines and its scope is constantly changing to respond to external demands.

The aim of the conference is to focus on the interaction between academia and industry, the theme of EurOMA 2009 being "*Implementation – realizing Operations Management knowledge*", which matches important values of Chalmers University of Technology, the local conference organizer in Gothenburg (Göteborg). The conference is organized by Chalmers, Department of Technology Management and Economics, on behalf of EurOMA, with the University of Göteborg and Linköping University as co-organizers. On behalf of these organizations, the Organizing Committee welcomes you to EurOMA 2009!

Mats Johansson, Chalmers (co-chair)

Patrik Jonsson, Chalmers (co-chair)

Anna Dubois, Chalmers

Raffaella Cagliano, Politecnico di Milano

Mats Magnusson, Chalmers

Jan Olhager, Linköping University

Peter Rosén, University of Göteborg

EurOMA 2009 Key Dates and Conference Timetable:

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| • Submission of extended abstracts | 16 January 2009 |
| • Notification of acceptance | 13 February 2009 |
| • Submission of full papers | 17 April 2009 |
| • 8 th EurOMA Doctoral Seminar | 12-13 June 2009 |
| • Registration & Welcome Reception | 14 June 2009 |
| • Parallel sessions & Gala Dinner | 15 June 2009 |
| • Parallel sessions & social activity | 16 June 2009 |
| • Plant tours | 17 June 2009 |

Abstracts will undergo a double blind review and be evaluated based on relevance, clarity, significance, originality, scientific quality, and impact. Accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings and a selection will be invited to submit their papers to a special issue of the *International Journal of Operations and Production Management* (IJOPM). Papers are accepted in the proceedings on the assumption that the manuscript is an original work and has not been copyrighted, published or accepted for presentation at any other conference, and conforms to all of the format and length requirements that will soon be specified on the conference website. Authors of accepted papers (at least one person) must register, attend the conference and present the paper.

<http://www.euroma2009.org/>

[contributed by EurOMA 2009 co-chairs **Mats Johansson** and **Patrik Jonsson**]

Announcing
EurOMA 2010
Porto, Portugal
June 2010

At their last meeting, the members of the EurOMA Board selected the venue for the upcoming **17th International Annual EurOMA Conference**. The Conference will be held in June 2010 in the beautiful city of Porto, in the north of Portugal, and will be hosted by the School of Economics and Management of the Catholic University of Porto. The Chair of the conference will be Professor **Rui Sousa**, a renowned and active member of EurOMA.

Facing the big lodges of port wine across the river Douro, Porto is one of the oldest cities in Europe. Born in the Middle Ages, it boasts an interesting Historical Centre which was classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Despite its ancient roots, the city is now a modern one with a lively commerce and an active industrial centre, being the country's second most important city in terms of economic output and cultural influence.

The theme of the conference has also been chosen: "*Managing Operations in Service Economies*". In the last decades, we have witnessed a strong growth and globalisation of service activities in developed economies. Manufacturing companies are also offering products with a higher service component than in previous decades. The frontier between products and services, as well as between manufacturing and service operations is increasingly blurred. This radical change in developed economies has created a substantially different environment and challenges for managing operations. All of these issues will be among the key subjects discussed during the conference.

The conference organizers are seeking to provide a productive as well as an enjoyable experience to conference participants, largely due to the excellence of the keynote speakers as well as the quality of the papers selected, but also thanks to the pleasant atmosphere of this mid-sized and safe city, offering an excellent setting for a short break with good value for money. Another important goal for the conference is to raise the visibility of Operations Management in Portugal and neighbouring Spain, thereby hopefully increasing the EurOMA membership numbers in these countries.

As always, the Conference will be preceded by the **9th EurOMA Doctoral Seminar** that will be held on the two days before the conference begins.

Further information and details about **EurOMA 2010** will be announced as they become available...

*[contributed by EurOMA Board Member **Raffaella Cagliano**]*

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 3rd World Conference on Production and Operations Management: POM Tokyo 2008



ALL ABOARD!!!

<http://www.jomsa.jp>

"Manufacturing Fundamentals: Necessity and Sufficiency"

5-8 August 2008, Tokyo, Japan

The 3rd World Conference on Production and Operations Management will provide an international forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange innovative ideas on various topics of POM and the related areas. The first conference was held in Seville, Spain, in 2000 and the second in Cancun, Mexico, 2004. The third conference will be held at Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan, hosted by the Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association (JOMSA), jointly with the European Operations Management Association (EurOMA) and the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS).

A few recent statistics...

- 1) The number of abstract submissions: 564
- 2) The number of full paper submissions: 235
- 3) The number of participants registered by June 4: 203
- 4) The Toyota tour is fully booked.
- 5) The number of registered participants by category:
Regular (EurOMA, POMS and JOMSA) 85, Other 76, and Students 42.

Conference Organization

Conference Co-Chairs

General Co-Chair

- Michiya Morita, Gakushuin University, Japan (Representing JOMSA)

Co-Chairs

- Barbara B. Flynn, Indiana University, USA (Representing POMS)
- José A. D. Machuca, University of Seville, Spain (Representing EurOMA)

Executive Committee Chair

- Kakuro Amasaka, Aoyama Gakuin University, Japan

Program Committee Chair

- Hirofumi Matsuo, Kobe University, Japan

Conference Secretariat

- Yoshiki Matsui, Yokohama National University, Japan

Please send all inquiries electronically to the e-mail: POM.TOKYO.2008@jomsa.jp

New Publishing Workshop!!!

NICE-SOPHIA-ANTIPOLIS, FRANCE – OCTOBER 30-31 2008

sponsored by



The 1st **Workshop on Journal Publishing for Non-Native English-Speaking Researchers in OM and NPDM** will be held at CERAM Business School, Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, October 30-31, 2008.

This EIASM Workshop, sponsored by EurOMA, aims to help researchers to transform their submitted and presented papers for the upcoming EurOMA '08 and IPDM '08 conferences into journal-level submissions. The workshop targets in particular non-native English-speaking faculty in the field of Operations Management (OM) and New Product Development Management (NPDM), who wish to increase the quality of their publications in the following target journals:

- International Journal of Operations and Production Management (IJOPM)
- Journal of Operations Management (JOM)
- Journal of Product Innovation Management (JPIM)
- Creativity and Innovation Management (CIM)

Through plenary sessions with members of the editorial board of the four journals, the participants will be briefed on the editorial policy, publication process, strategies for submission, writing and responding to reviews, and resubmission process. Participants are expected to actively participate during the workshop.

The call for papers for the first edition of the Publishing Workshop was very successful, with 40 abstract submissions having been received, leading to the selection of 30 workshop participants from 13 different countries. The next deadline is **August 31, 2008**, when the full papers (based on the abstracts) must be submitted.

See http://www.eiasm.org/frontoffice/event_announcement.asp?event_id=579 for more details.

NOTE: Preparations are already underway for the 2009 edition of this new Workshop on Journal Publishing, so please keep an eye on the EIASM (www.eiasm.org) and EurOMA (www.euroma-online.org) websites for more info and updates...

*[contributed by EurOMA organisers **Marie Koulikoff-Sourviron & Juliana Hsuan**]*

Symposium on "OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS" Belgrade, 6-7 November 2008

The University of Belgrade, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, Department for Operations Management (www.fon.bg.ac.yu) and the Chamber of Economy of the Republic of Serbia is organising a symposium on "OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS" to be held in Belgrade from 6-7 November 2008. (Details will be posted on the EurOMA website.)

RECENT EVENTS

EurOMA 2008 – The 15th International Annual EurOMA Conference

The **15th International Annual EurOMA Conference** took place 15-18 June 2008, in Groningen, Netherlands. Approximately 325 academics from 32 countries attended this conference which supported the general theme "*Tradition and Innovation in Operations Management: Connecting Past and Future*". The central idea of this theme is based on the fact that we tend to follow new ideas without always knowing what has been done in the past, but also that we stick to traditions whereas probably innovation is required. The theme was further elaborated in the two keynote lectures and a number of special sessions.

The opening keynote lecture *Operations Management: Onward to the Past* by **Jack Meredith** (Wake Forest University), described the growth of Operations Management as a professional field. A bibliographical study showed that, over time, different subjects and areas of specialisation have emerged. The current status of the field according to Jack Meredith is good, but might be in a transitory mode.

The closing keynote lecture *What Constitutes Rigour in Operations Management* by **Steve New** (Oxford University), investigated innovative approaches to discovering what is needed for further development of the field. Steve analyzed what, how and if current research, and, in particular, survey-based research, contributes to our knowledge. Specifically, he focused on knowledge that could eventually improve operations and could also

ultimately help operations managers in their day-to-day jobs. An alternative paradigm was sketched that might help to develop such how-to knowledge.

Among the papers presented at EurOMA 2008, a few new themes emerged: health care operations, critical operations management, and food supply chains. Supply chain management and related areas once more had the largest amount of papers presented, but also some other fields were well represented: international manufacturing strategy, production planning and control issues, lean manufacturing, and ICT in operations.

On Monday evening, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place, prior to which the 2008 Elections were held. President Ann Vereecke and the EurOMA Board were pleased to have 4 new and 3 returning Members elected at the AGM who began 3-year terms immediately after the results were announced.

[For a list of the EurOMA Board Members and their affiliations, please see the related items in this Newsletter.]

The closing session of the academic programme was held on Tuesday evening, 17 June, where the conference awards were also distributed.

- The *Chris Voss Best Paper Awards* were presented by **Chris Voss** himself.
- The *Emerald Awards for Excellence* were presented by Professors **Margaret Taylor** and **Andrew Taylor**.

[For a list of the prize winners and their papers, please see the related items in this Newsletter.]

As usual, the conference was preceded by the **7th EurOMA Doctoral Seminar**, 13-14 June 2008, under the direction of **Harry Boer** and five other faculty representatives. During two days of the Doctoral Seminar, 32 PhD-students presented their own work (research design or preliminary results) and also discussed the work of others together with the faculty.

On Wednesday, an industry visit had been arranged. EurOMA 2008 delegates had the opportunity to visit **Scania**, one of the world's leading manufacturers of heavy trucks and buses, with a large production plant in Zwolle, Netherlands.

All in all, the high-quality scientific programme of EurOMA 2008, the lavish and delicious conference supper in one of the large historical churches of Groningen, as well as the "orange" atmosphere in the city centre (the World Cup was on...), made for an exciting and memorable event!

EurOMA 2008

Conference Chair

- Jacob Wijngaard
(University of Groningen)

Programme Chairs

- Taco van der Vaart
(University of Groningen)
- Dirk Pieter van Donk
(University of Groningen)

Organising Committee

- Wout van Wezel
(University of Groningen)
- Gera Welker
(University of Groningen)
- Harry Boer
(Aalborg University)
- Raffaella Cagliano
(Politecnico di Milano)

*[contributed by **Dirk Pieter van Donk** and **Ene Kannel**]*



**7th EurOMA Doctoral Seminar participants
in front of the venue "Het Kasteel"**



**EurOMA President, Ann Vereecke &
Programme Chair, Dirk Pieter van Donk**

[photos courtesy of Jan Braaksma, PhD student]

*To view more great photos of **EurOMA 2008** (where you can also download them), please visit the conference website at: <http://www.euroma2008.org/photos.aspx>.*

Chris Voss Best Paper Awards *presented at the EurOMA 2008 closing session*

The **Chris Voss Best Paper Award** was won by **Amrou Away Sheh** and **Robert D. Klassen** for the paper: '*Supply chain structure and its impact on supplier socially responsible practices*'.

Chris Voss Highly Commended Awards were presented to:

- **Giovani J. C. da Silveira** and **Rui S. Sousa** for the paper: '*Analysis of the relationships between operations strategy paradigms and performance*'.
- **Giorgia Dal Pont**, **Andrea Furlan** and **Andrea Vinelli** for the paper: '*Effects on performance of lean bundles*'.

Emerald Awards *presented at the EurOMA 2008 AGM*

Emerald Awards for Excellence

IJOPM – The **Outstanding Paper Award** was presented to **Roger Schmenner** for the paper: '*Understanding persistently variable performance in plants*' by Robert S. Collins, Roger W. Schmenner, IJOPM vol. 27/3.

IJOPM – The **Highly Commended Award** was presented to **Rui Sousa** and **Chris Voss** for the paper: '*Operational implications of manufacturing outsourcing for subcontractor plants: An empirical investigation*' by Rui Sousa, Christopher A. Voss, IJOPM vol. 27/9.

Supply Chain Management: An International Journal – The **Highly Commended Award** was presented to **Juliana Hsuan** for the paper: '*Complementary theories to supply chain management*' by Arni Halldorsson, Herbert Kotzab, Juliana Hsuan, Tage Skjøtt-Larsen, SCMIJ vol. 12/4.

Outstanding Doctoral Research Award

The **Highly Commended Award in Operations and Production Management category**, sponsored by IJOPM, was presented to **Alistair Brandon-Jones** of the University of Bath, School of Management (Doctoral award conferred by University of Warwick, UK), for the paper '*Perceived E-Procurement Quality: Exploring and measuring the construct at a tactical level within the public sector*'.

[contributed by **Lucy Sootheran**, Emerald Group Publishing Limited]

1st International EurOMA Service Operations Management (SOM) Forum workshop on

"The Futurescape of Service Operations Management – Addressing the Challenges"

22-23 May 2008

School of Business and Economics, University of Exeter, UK

www.centres.ex.ac.uk/xspo

This two day workshop at the University of Exeter attracted 48 participants who very actively focused on the challenges facing Service Operations Management (SOM) research. The objective of the workshop was to articulate the key issues emerging from a changing landscape, to review and challenge extant models and theory, to address concerns of practitioner relevance, to engage in debate on the opportunities of multidisciplinary research, and to shape a future research agenda to meet these challenges.

Here is an excerpt from the report of workshop coordinator Dr. **Andi Smart**:

"Four main themes emerged from the workshop. The first relates to boundary and identity issues at the discipline level; the second addresses specific practitioner requirements [...]; the third set of issues emphasise the need for process and service supply chain research; the final theme highlighting the need to articulate customer experience and the links to emotional mapping / value. The arguments in each theme have been derived from the workshop discussion as a source. This data was collected by three independent observers at the workshop, summarized, and subsequently synthesized for the identification of common themes."

To access a PDF file of the discussion paper entitled *"Findings from the 1st EurOMA Service Operations Management Forum Workshop"* by Dr. P. A. Smart, please go to the EurOMA website <http://www.euroma-online.org> and select the menu item **Events Sponsored by EurOMA** – from there, click on the links **SOM Forum workshop** and then **Discussion Paper**.

NOTE: Preparation of the second edition of the workshop is already underway. More information will follow as it becomes available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations IJOPM!

Last month, the **2007 Impact Factor** for IJOPM was announced. The IJOPM Editors are happy to report the good news that this important figure has risen considerably since 2004 (when it was 0.547) – it is now up to **1.054** – which is very good news for the *International Journal of Operations and Production Management* as well as for EurOMA!

This rising figure confirms the many appreciative comments that have been received regarding IJOPM and the improvement of the journal. Your ongoing support and invaluable contribution to your association's journal will help to continue this positive trend.

*[contributed by Professors **Margaret and Andrew Taylor**, Joint Editors IJOPM]*

A brand-new title coming soon from Routledge – available October 2008

Researching Operations Management

Edited by **Christer Karlsson**

Researching Operations Management is a comprehensive textbook and reference on doing quality research in the field of Operations Management (OM). It addresses the particular problem – especially for Master's and PhD students and young researchers – that many academic departments, specialize in just one or a few approaches to research. As a result, students may not be exposed to the breadth of possible research approaches in OM. This book provides readers a solid platform to choose the appropriate and complementary research approaches, and to better argue their chosen methods.

CONTENTS:

1. Introduction (Christer Karlsson)
2. Researching Operations Management (Christer Karlsson)
3. Introduction to research methodology in OM (Simon Croom)
4. Surveys (Cipriano Forza)
5. Case Research in Operations Management (Chris Voss & Nikos Tsikritsis)
6. Longitudinal field studies (Pär Åhlström & Christer Karlsson)
7. Action research (Paul Coughlan & David Coghlan)
8. Modelling and simulation (Will Bertrand & Jan Fransoo)
9. Conclusion (Christer Karlsson)

For more information on this new book, please go to the website: www.routledge.com

Congratulations Chris Voss!

The Operations Management Division of the US Academy of Management has elected **Chris Voss** as the 2008 Operations Management Scholar.

The new "**Journal of Marketing and Operations Management Research**"...

is inviting members to its Editorial Board, whose responsibility would be to review once or twice per year a paper to be published in the journal. For more information or if you are interested, please contact the Journal Editor: Dr. **P. Kyriazopoulos**, Prof. of Marketing & Operations Management, Business Administration Department, Graduate Technological Education Institute of Piraeus, Greece, Email pkryriaz@teipir.gr, URL <http://mngdep.teipir.gr>.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Human Resource Management (HRM)

Special Issue – Call for Papers

"Human Resource Management and the Supply Chain"

Guest Editors: Dr. **Mary E. Graham**, Clarkson University, graham@clarkson.edu
Dr. **Sandra Fisher**, Clarkson University, sfisher@clarkson.edu
Dr. **Stephan Vachon**, HEC Montreal, stephane.vachon@hec.ca
Dr. **Ann Vereecke**, Ghent University, ann.vereecke@vlerick.be

A suggestive, but not exhaustive list of research topics that would be appropriate for this special issue is as follows:

- Using strategic HRM to support supply chain activities
- The retention of critical supply chain management professionals
- Change management and the supply chain
- Effects of organizational culture on supply chain collaboration
- Cross-cultural management challenges in the supply chain
- HR architecture and the supply chain
- People-related supply chain disruptions
- The training and development of supply chain professionals
- The use of incentive pay in the supply chain
- Workforce diversity in the supply chain
- Competency profiles of successful supply chain professionals
- Worker relationships across supply chain partners
- Health and safety issues in the supply chain
- Management of co-located employees from multiple organizations
- Outsourcing as a staffing strategy in supply chains

Researchers are encouraged to contribute papers on any topics consistent with the special issue theme. A section of the paper must address the implications for the practice of HRM.

The deadline for submitting papers is **November 30, 2008**.

Questions about content and ideas should be directed to the guest co-editors noted above. For more info, including the submission and review procedures, please consult the PDF file at <http://www.euroma-online.org/userfiles/HRM%20-%20special%20issue%20supply%20chain.pdf>.

Please direct logistical questions about submitting your manuscript through Manuscript Central to:
Managing Editor, Leslie Wilhelm at lwilhelm@umich.edu or +1 734-763-0785.

Call for Papers

Operations Management Research (OMR)

A new journal, published by Springer, will be starting publication this year to fill the growing need for a peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality research that is shorter and more sharply focused than articles in existing OM journals. **OMR** has been designed as a rigorous, double-blind peer-reviewed journal that is oriented toward fast reviews and publication of research that makes a clear contribution to both the theory and practice of operations management.

All research methodologies and all topics in the field are welcome. Initial submissions can be in any good academic style and format but are limited to 20 manuscript pages. The Editors-in-Chief of the journal are **Jack Meredith** and **Patrick McMullen**, both of Wake Forest University.

For more information, please see the web site www.springer.com/12063, as well as the web-link entitled "Important Information for Authors" at the submission site www.editorialmanager.com/omra.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor in Service Operations Management

The Competence Centre Operations and Technology Management of Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School wants to support its growth by attracting an Assistant Professor in SOM.

<http://www.vlerick.be/en/about/jobs/7723-VLK.html>

Function

In order to accomplish our objectives, the centre is looking for an Assistant Professor in the domains of service operations management being able to integrate academic work with managerial know-how. Expertise in healthcare management or facilities management is a plus.

The candidate will join a team of researchers active in our research centres, especially the Services and Facilities Management Research centre and the Healthcare Research Centre. Additionally, he/she will supervise research trajectories with junior researchers and potential PhD students, while contributing to applied research projects, and teaching in the MBA and executive education programs.

Profile

- PhD (or near completion of a PhD) from an accredited university or business school in the area of service operations management
- Evidence of the candidate's ability and motivation to become a respected scholar and educator in the field of service operations.
- Affinity and understanding of the dynamics that play within services management.
- Understanding of the fastest growing sector today, the service industry, and the values that service can bring on a strategic level.
- Evidence of excellent graduate and executive teaching achievements
- Evidence of strong research capacity or proven research capacity (e.g. scholarly publications), preferably in the area of service operations management.
- Be able to merge fundamental theoretical knowledge with practical relevance and to build and maintain sustainable relationships with the practitioners' community in these domains.

Our offer

- Working environment located in the heart of Europe
- A challenging job in an international, dynamic and professional environment
- Dynamic and young team of ambitious and competent colleagues
- Strong academic and business network
- Possibility to deploy new initiatives
- Synergy between science and practice
- Attractive financial conditions
- Availability of sufficient research time

Interested?

Those making formal applications should send the following documentation to Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School no later than **9 September 2008**:

- The candidate's curriculum vitae;
- Motivation letter with career interests and trajectory;
- A letter setting out the candidate's research and teaching experience;
- Two or three recent publications;
- The names and contact details of two recommenders willing to support the application.

Send the documentation electronically to: isabelle.deganck@vlerick.be or post /fax it to:
 Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School, Attn. Isabelle De Ganck, Reep 1, 9000 Gent, Belgium
 Tel.: +32 (0)9 210 98 58; Fax: + 32 (0)9 210 98 03. Informal enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence. Materials submitted as part of an application will not be returned.

Systems Research Fellow

Exeter Centre for Research in Systems, Processes and Operations

The Exeter Centre for research in Systems, Processes and Operations (XSPO), based within Exeter Business school, are seeking to identify interest in the post of Research Fellow in Systems*.

The University of Exeter is now ranked in the top 15 UK universities and has just been named Times Higher University of the Year. The Business School has grown rapidly and will see a doubling of staff in the next five years and the construction of a new site. The city of Exeter is a thriving city in the south west based 2½ hours from London by train. The campus is widely recognised to be amongst the most beautiful in the UK and has a vibrant student life.

XSPO are looking to identify expressions of interest from potential research fellows for a 2 year post. You should be a recently successful PhD student, or a student that is close to completion. You will have an engineering background (not necessarily with an engineering degree) and some knowledge of process improvement methods for example; lean, six sigma, theory of constraints, Toyota Production Systems etc.

These are the main duties:

1. We have a number of dedicated activities with local manufacturing companies that require manufacturing systems expertise. These activities are funded through the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP). Your role would be to oversee the graduates that are located on-site in these companies. The graduates are responsible for implementing process improvements and the companies range from large batch, flow type environments to small batch multi-site jobbing facilities. This task would be approximately 1 – ½ days per week.
2. You would be heavily involved in the research life of XSPO. The group has around 15 staff, most of whom are engaged in research in the service sector. Our interests are across the servicescape and include, service capacity, systems modelling, linking operations performance to customer value, separable services and health service research. We would expect the RF to lead paper writing and to provide guidance to our team of research students. An interest in service systems would be an advantage.
3. There will be a small amount of teaching, approximately 50 hours per year. This will be to undergraduate students and will involve teaching material in operations management, typically following Nigel Slack's textbook. There may also be some post-graduate dissertation supervision. We would also encourage you to join appropriate PhD supervision teams.
4. We would expect you to take a lead in research grant writing; particularly for European and UK regional grants.

The group has a very informal style. It is led jointly by Roger Maull and Andi Smart and we encourage all colleagues to engage in a debate on developing research themes. We work hard on destroying any notion of hierarchy; this is central to the culture of the group.

January 2009 would be an ideal start date but would happily discuss earlier or later with an excellent candidate. The salary will be in the region of £25,000 (€32,000). There are opportunities for heavily subsidised accommodation with the University's student halls.

Please send a CV to **Andi Smart** (p.a.smart@ex.ac.uk) or **Roger Maull** (r.s.maull@ex.ac.uk). The group web site is: www.ex.ac.uk/XSPO

** We are seeking "expressions of interest" rather than advertising a post because for a suitable candidate we will add your name to the applications for KTP research funding. This will provide you with a track record in research funding that should be a substantial career advantage in later applications for lecturing posts.*

*** CALL FOR ASSOCIATE EDITORS ***

Applicants Sought for Editorial Opportunities on the *International Journal of Operations & Production Management (IJOPM)*

Emerald Group Publishing Limited invites individual or team applications for the role of Associate Editor of the *International Journal of Operations & Production Management (IJOPM)*, with a view to taking over the full role of Editor at the beginning of 2010.

Deadline: 1st September 2008

www.emeraldinsight.com/ijopm.htm

Scope of *IJOPM*

IJOPM is published 12 times a year by Emerald Group Publishing Limited, the world's leading publisher of management research. This is an important journal, ranked by Thomson Reuters (ISI), ABS, ABDC and CNRS to name a few; it received more than 400,000 downloads in 2007 and has an impact factor of 1.054.

Now in volume 28, *IJOPM* provides a communication medium for all those working in the field, whether in academia, industry or consultancy. It covers all aspects of operations management, with a key focus on topics which have substantial management content. *IJOPM* looks at the managerial problems of developing and implementing operation systems and has become a widely respected resource in a complex and increasingly important field, combining academic rigor and practical relevance. *IJOPM* is the official journal of The European Operations Management Association (EurOMA) and seeks to raise standards in every aspect of operations and production management.

Qualifications and requirements of candidates

Due to *IJOPM's* status as a leading journal in the field and the frequency of issues, this role is more suitable for an Editorial team than an individual. However individual applicants will be considered as a potential co-Associate Editor, with a view to becoming a co-Editor in 2010.

Some of the key qualities sought are an established record of scholarship in the field of Operations Management; managerial skills to oversee the editorial cycle and meet deadlines for 12 issues per year; the ability to inspire an active editorial advisory board; along with an appreciation of *IJOPM's* editorial objective to publish high quality research.

The current Editorial team will remain as Editors until the end of 2009, at which point they will have completed five and a half years service. During this time they will continue to manage all submissions received up to the end of 2008, progressing them to final acceptance or rejection. They will also be responsible for submitting issues to Emerald for volume 29 (2009).

The Associate Editor role will involve managing the review process for all papers received from the beginning of 2009, using the online submission system, Manuscript Central.

Major responsibilities in 2009 will include:

- soliciting high quality manuscripts and assisting authors through the editorial process
- initial screening of all new submissions in 2009 and the management of a double blind peer review process
- assessing and progressing any proposals for Special Issues that are submitted during 2009
- working with the EurOMA conference organisers on the Special Issue to be produced from the conference in Gothenburg in June 2009
- developing the pool of reviewers
- judging the 2009 Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards
- representing IJOPM at the EurOMA Board meeting in Autumn 2009
- supplying copy for 2010 journal issues (volume 30) within the agreed schedule

From 2010, additional responsibilities will include:

- taking over as full Editor/s of the journal
- supplying all copy for the journal issues
- working with and managing the contribution of the Editorial Advisory Board
- advising Emerald on the direction and development of *IJOPM*
- promoting *IJOPM* to your network and at conferences to encourage authorship and usage

Support provided by Emerald

- An Editorial Assistant is employed part-time to help administer the review process.
- The Associate Editor will receive full training and support on Manuscript Central.

EurOMA

As the Official Journal of the European Operations Management Association, the Associate Editors of *IJOPM* will become EurOMA Board members in July 2009, and will be expected to play a full and active role through attending the conference each year. They will also be expected to attend the three EurOMA Board meetings per annum, where they will present an *IJOPM* update to the Board.

Recruitment procedure

Applications will be reviewed by the Publisher and current Editorial Team immediately after the deadline for applications.

Your application should include:

- A covering letter describing:
 - your goals and plans for the content of *IJOPM*. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, weaknesses, or gaps that you plan to address;
 - previous editorial experience;
 - attendance at Operations Management conferences during the last five years;
 - a clear description of the structure of the editorial team and responsibilities, where it is a team application;
 - support, if any, offered by your institution.
- A current CV.

Deadline: 1st September 2008

Please send applications by e-mail to:

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ELECTIONS 2008

Of the 10 candidates who stood for election this year, the following 7 were elected by majority ballot at the 2008 AGM held on Monday 16th June in Groningen, Netherlands, to serve on the EurOMA Board (2008-2011 term):

- [Congratulations to returning Board Members:](#) **Cipriano Forza** (University of Padua, Italy); **Juliana Hsuan** (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark); **Dirk Pieter van Donk** (University of Groningen, Netherlands).
- [Welcome to the newly-elected EurOMA Board Members:](#) **Nuran Acur** (Bilkent University, Turkey) who was previously co-opted to the Board as the conference organiser of EurOMA 2007; **Brian Fynes** (University College Dublin, Ireland); **Matthias Holweg** (University of Cambridge, UK); **Rui Sousa** (Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal).

Due to other commitments, Board Member **Jan Olhager** stepped down at the end of his term (and did not stand for re-election). EurOMA thanks him kindly for his years of service!

The 2008 EurOMA Elections Nominating Committee consisted of: **Pär Åhlström** (Chair), **Krisztina Demeter** and **Christer Karlsson**. The EurOMA President would also like to thank **Raffaella Cagliano** for assisting with the distribution and counting of the ballots during the AGM.

For more info on the [EurOMA Board](#) and the [Elections](#), please see the [Elections Announcement](#) (including the Candidate Statements) circulated prior to the EurOMA 2008 AGM, or visit the EurOMA website at: <http://www.euroma-online.org>

PUBLICATIONS

Upcoming Special Issues:

- *International Journal of Manufacturing and Technology Management (IJMTM)* – special issue on the EurOMA 2005 conference in **Budapest** (publication forthcoming: vol.15, no.1)
- *International Journal of Operations and Production Management (IJOPM)* – special issue on the EurOMA 2007 conference in **Ankara**
- *International Journal of Operations and Production Management (IJOPM)* – special issue on the EurOMA 2008 conference in **Groningen**
- *Production and Operations Management (POM)* – special issue on **Operations In Financial Services** (scheduled for late 2009).
- *International Journal of Operations and Production Management (IJOPM)* – special issue on **Modularity: Implications for Strategy and Operations**

ONLINE JOB MARKET

To post employment opportunities in OM – particularly targeting young academics, as well as to find information supplied by proactive job-seekers (such as their CVs), please consult the Online EurOMA JobMarket at: http://www.eiasm.org/jmw/site/openings.asp?jobmarket_id=4

The online job market is managed by [EIASM](#). It provides a “self-serve” facility for institutions to post current job announcements online via the EurOMA website, as well as for candidates to post their CVs so that interested employers can contact them directly.

This service is **FREE** to use, both for prospective employers as well as potential employees!

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