

# YOUNG SCHOLARS WORKSHOP

Targeted at young academics in general and alumni of the EurOMA Doctoral Seminar in particular, the EurOMA Young Scholars Workshop is conceived as a way to support the career development of young scholars in the field of operations management (OM) by teaching and sharing with them major skills needed in an academic career. Important skills are related to:

- Supervising MSc and PhD students.
- Teaching OM to MSc and MBA students.
- Designing and developing research projects in OM – From concept to publication.
- Developing your career – managing your way through academia.
- Developing theoretically rigorous and managerially relevant OM research.

Each year one of the above subjects is developed on a rolling base. At the same time, the initiative is aimed at developing the community of young OM scholars, keeping the network alive and providing opportunities to meet and discuss relevant topics.

## Theme

The theme and program of the 2014 workshop is “**Operations management – research and practice**”.

Operations management as a scientific discipline has always struggled with the practical relevance and impact of its research. At the same time, there is no doubt that OM concepts, systems and practices have huge impact on the performance of production companies, service providers and public organizations. However, how good are these concepts, systems and practices and/or their implementation actually? To what extent is the practical impact of OM a reflection of robust theory development or is there still a lot of scope for improvement? How useful and usable are the results of single or multiple cases studies and collaborative research projects beyond the boundaries of the firm(s) involved, and what can be done to increase their generalizability? How useful and usable are the results of survey-based quantitative studies?

Addressing these and similar questions, the workshop features presentations from OM scholars and practitioners who have been involved in OM research and will share their experience, views and ideas on questions and topics such as:

- How to increase the usefulness and usability of OM research?
- Designing, conducting and publishing collaborative research.
- Taking theory to practice – taking practice to research.

Of course there will be ample opportunities for networking, one of the key overall objectives of the Young Scholars Workshops.

## Target group and eligibility

The target group of the workshop is young OM academics who aim at a continued academic career. Priority is given to EurOMA Doctoral Seminar alumni. At least two years involvement in academic job activities is required, e.g. supervising and teaching, apart from the applicant's own PhD research project. The number of participants is limited to 30 people, who have registered for the conference.

The 2014 workshop is open to EurOMA members participating in the 2014 annual conference, who have presented their PhD thesis between 2007 and 2012.

## **Application**

Young scholars who participated in the 2013 workshop will receive an invitation and have to confirm their participation in the 2014 workshop by sending an e-mail to [hboer@business.aau.dk](mailto:hboer@business.aau.dk) before April 19, 2014.

First time applicants are requested to send a CV and proof of their EurOMA membership by e-mail to [hboer@business.aau.dk](mailto:hboer@business.aau.dk) before April 19, 2014.

Notification of acceptance will be sent out not later than April 26, 2014.

## **The workshop**

- Date: Sunday 22 June 2014
- Theme: To be decided
- Time: 09.00 – 13.30
- Location: Polididattico - University of Palermo, Viale delle Scienze ed. 19 - room to be announced
- Fee: included in the conference fee

## **Outline Program**

To be announced.

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