

MSOM Business Meetings Notes
Atlanta, 19 June 2006

- Pinar Keskinocak welcomed everyone and gave a quick snapshot of the MSOM and Multi-Echelon Conferences this year (see attached slides). She thanked Julie Swann for chairing the Multi-Echelon conference.
- The official welcome address was by Steven Salbu, the new Dean of Georgia Tech College of Management, starting July 2006. He noted that 60% of Georgia Tech's entering MBAs have engineering degrees and 30% go on to Operations careers. Also, he indicated the school is recruiting OM faculty this year.
- The next welcome note was by Chip White, ISYE Chair.
- Mark Ferguson provided information about the 2006 MSOM conference, thanked the conference sponsors: GT, IBM, SAS, United Airlines, and reminded the participants that dinner would take place at the Atlanta Aquarium and Tuesday's lunch would be at Loca Luna Tapas restaurant.

The next speaker, who was also host of the meeting was Gerard Cachon. Although he totaled his car on the way to the airport yesterday, he still made it to the Multi-Echelon conference by noon! (He is fine.) Note: Since Fangruo Chen is in China, Gerard was hosting this meeting, while Fangruo will host the meeting next summer in Beijing.

- Gerard asked for a thank you round of applause for the conference organizers, i.e. Julie Swan, Pinar Keskinocak, Paul Griffin, and Mark Ferguson.
- He presented the Outline of the remainder of this meeting, i.e.:
 - Update on future conferences
 - Report on MSOM finances
 - Report on MSOM journal
 - Announcement of awards
 - Announcement of elections
- Update on Future Conferences

2007 MSOM Conference

Speaker: Jian Chen, Tsinghua University, School of Economics and Management

- The MSOM conference will take place June 18-19, 2007 in Beijing. The Multi-Echelon Inventory conference will be held in the same location on Sunday, June 17, 2007.
- Brief history and facts about Beijing, with enticing pictures.
- We will have authentic Chinese food during the reception and business lunches, interesting Chinese performances during the conference banquet: acrobatics, palace dancing, Chinese face changing, and magic shows.
- A professional travel agent will be available to provide local tours and post-conference tours. Details will be announced in the second call for papers.
- Conference website: <http://www.rccm.tsinghua.edu.cn/msom2007.htm>
- If you have any suggestions, please send them to Helen Lifen Wu Msom2007@em.tsinghua.edu.cn, tel. +86 (10) 6277-1663

2008 MSOM Conference will be organized by University of Maryland

- Finance Update (Damian Beil presented for Roman Kapuscinski – per e-mail)

- Update on MSOM journal

Gerard Cachon stated that the number of submissions and the quality of submissions is increasing. Also the quality of reviews, and the speed of response by the reviewers. He attributed the success to efforts of Lee and Garrett, due to the foundation they put in place. Here are some summary statistics:

- Number of new (non-revision) submissions is 79 (annualized = 161)
- Average cycle time for the 1st review was 38 days, median = 51, maximum = 84
- Number of reviewers = 99
- % of successful review requests = 66% (because reviewers are asked for 5 week cycle time)
- Number of forthcoming papers = 10
- Page budget targets 20-24 articles for printing per year (this implies that with 161 articles submitted/yr, the acceptance rate should be about 10-15%).

Bottom line: if you submit to MSOM, you will receive a set of high quality reviews within 50-60 days.

The key to this process is the realization in the community that a fast, good review process is a public good. Therefore, Gerard is trying to balance workload of AEs to avoid burnout. All review statistics are posted on the webpage. This Excel file documents when the papers came in, when reviews are received, when the final decisions are made. Gerard uploads it manually, on approximately a weekly basis (not automated).

The process for ISI inclusion is underway and should be completed within the year. ISI did not give MSOM inclusion status. Garrett is addressing the three issues ISI raised. Hopefully ISI will be placated and journal will be included by them within 1-1.5 years.

There are a few special issues planned:

- Empirical OM: Targeted for Vol. 9, #1 or #2 (possibly two issues)
- Behavioral Issues in OM (Noah Gans and Rachel Croson)

The submission deadline is June 30, 2006. Submissions will be encouraged for papers that are in any sense behavioral (including consumer reactions to operations).

- MSOM 2006 service award

This award recognizes individuals whose distinguished service to MSOM has helped to advance significantly the goals and objectives of the society. The selection committee this year included: Gerard Cachon, Uday Karmarkar, and Candi Yano.

Past Recipients of the service award were: Gabriel Bitran, John Buzacott, Frank Ciarallo, and Uday Karmarkar. This year's service award was presented to Garrett van Ryzin (round of applause, Garrett couldn't attend the conference)

- MSOM Distinguished Fellow award

This award recognizes outstanding research and scholarship in operations management. The 2006 selection committee included: Gerard Cachon, Fangruo Chen, Morris Cohen, Steve Graves, Wallace Hopp, Haul Lee. The committee examined nominations, and chose two recipients:

The 2006 Fellows are: Linus Schrage and Harvey Wagner.

Both recipients have been informed. They will present their research and thoughts as well as their retrospectives on their careers at INFORMS.

Gerard thanked the current MSOM officers:

President – Fangruo Chen

VP of meetings: Marin Lariviere

Treasurer/Secretary – Roman Kapuscinski

Fangruo has been very busy and is slightly behind schedule in organizing the elections. These will be organized hopefully in a week or so. The following members will be running for office:

President: Marin Lariviere, Stefanos Zenios

VP of meetings: Serguei Netessine, Nick Petruzzi

Treasurer/Secretary: Mor Armony, Fernando Bernstein

Questions or comments:

The student paper competition will probably be held again this year.

This report was prepared by Damian Beil.