The 6th World Conference on Production and Operations Management - P&OM Nara 2020
August 23-26, 2022
Nara Kasugano International Forum, Nara-Japan
(https://jomsa.org/worldpom/; Inquiries to: worldpom@e-jomsa.jp)

Theme: P&OM and Strategy in the Era of Technological Revolution

CALL FOR PAPERS (UPDATE January 2021)

The World P&OM Conferences takes place every four years through collaboration between EurOMA (European Operations Management Association), POMS (Production and Operations Management Society) and JOMSA (Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association). After being postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sixth World Conference P&OM will be held in Nara, Japan in August 2022, with JOMSA taking the leading role in collaboration with EurOMA. POMS is involved in the Steering Committee, and DSI (Decision Sciences Institute) and ASCOM (Association of Supply Chain and Operations Management-China) as sponsors. ASCOM will organize invited sessions and provide committee members.

The Conference will provide a global forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange innovative ideas on Operations Management. One of the main goals of the P&OM World Conference is to facilitate high global networking. Therefore, the Conference must be a face-to-face and in-person forum. This is why, considering the current worldwide developments concerning COVID-19 (i.e., the third growing wave, virus mutations, and slow ramp-up of vaccinations) and the reduction of planning uncertainty for our community, the Steering Committee of the 6th World Conference on P&OM has decided to postpone it to August 23-26, 2022 (while the venue remains in Nara).

Registration and abstract submission are now temporarily closed. Registration fees received to-date will be refunded, and there will be a new round of registration and submissions. The registration information and abstracts submitted already will be kept in our database, which can then be reused or revised after we reopen the registration and submission process. We will keep the name of P&OM Nara 2020 in order to maintain the 4 years interval between World P&OM Conferences (so the subsequent conference will be still held in 2024).

Location

Nara is a UNESCO World Heritage site, reflecting its importance as the first capital of Japan (https://narashikanko.or.jp/en/ and https://www.visitnara.jp/world-heritage/). It is surrounded by the bustling cities of Osaka (about 40 minutes), Kyoto (about 40 minutes) and Nagoya (about 1½ hours). Tokyo is about 3 hours away by bullet train via Kyoto. The Conference hall is next to the Todaiji Temple, the Kofukuji Temple, and the Kasuga Grand Shrine, all of which are in Nara Park itself (https://www.visitnara.jp/destinations/area/nara-park/).

Special Conference Features

On offer are at least three significant keynote plenary sessions including “Business Models
An additional special session will address the "Effects of COVID-19 on Global Supply Chains". Confirmed standout participants to-date include (in alphabetical order): Kasra Ferdows; Hau Lee; Arnoud de Meyer; Michiya Morita; Mark Pagell; Ann Vereecke; Chris Voss and Xiande Zhao as well as industrial speakers from global corporations.

**Editorial panel of leading POM Journals**: Editors from the following journals have already agreed to participate: IJOPM; IJPDL; IJPE; OMR, JSM; and JOMS.

**Special issues** To-date special issues have been agreed with IJOPM, IJPDL, OMR and JOMS. See the conference website for further detail.

**Three Awards** will be given to excellent papers presented at the Conference: The Jose A.D. Machuca P&OM World Conference Best Paper Award, the Decision Sciences Institute-sponsored P&OM Nara 2020 Best Paper Award and the ACEDEDOT-sponsored P&OM World Conference Nara 2020 Best Paper Award (more information on the Conference website).

**Social events** are core to the conference including a welcome dinner/reception at a garden of the beautiful award-winning Nara Park, a banquet dinner at the historic Nara Hotel, the Gagaku concert (https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/gagaku-00265, intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity) with additional cultural events and walking tours. Optional sightseeing tours around Nara and Kyoto (August 22) will be organized as pre-Conference and post-Conference activities as well as factory tours and company visits (August 26).

**Abstract and Full Paper Submissions**

To present a paper at the Conference you must submit an extended abstract (max. 1,000 words) before January 31, 2022. Please see the template on how to submit on the main conference website (https://jomsa.org/worldpom/abstract-model-instructions/).

One person can submit up to three abstracts, irrespective of primary or secondary authorship. All submitted abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed, based on their relevance and significance for POM and their originality. At least one author must register before the 10th May, 2022, and attend the Conference to present the paper.

Usually accepted abstracts will be followed by full paper submissions (maximum 10 pages), to be included in the Conference proceedings. However, the submission of a full paper is not compulsory for presenting, but it is strongly recommended. Manuscripts submitted to this conference must be original work, which has not been copyrighted, published, or accepted for presentation in any other format. **Abstracts and full papers must be submitted in English**. Although presentations in Spanish or Japanese are allowed in ad-hoc Spanish and Japanese-speaking sessions; however presentation in English is strongly recommended.

**Important Dates (updated January 2021)**

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**Registration Procedures**

For registration and submissions please go to https://amarys-jtb.jp/pom2020/, where you find a two-step registration process and further information on hotels, optional factory/company visits, sightseeing tours, and additional arrangements for accompanying person/s – and you can pay! The registration fees for members of organizing, sponsoring and supporting organizations, non-members, and students (certification required) are shown in the following table:
Early registration must be paid by May 20, 2022. At least one author of a paper needs to make the payment by May 20, 2022; otherwise, the paper and its presentation will be automatically withdrawn from the Conference program.

The member category applies to members of JOMSA, EurOMA, POMS, DSI, ASCOM and other sponsoring and supporting organizations. The registration fee includes lunch on two days (August 24 and 25), a welcome dinner/reception (August 23) and the Conference banquet for the registered person of member and non-member category. The student registration fee includes lunch on two days (August 24 and 25) and the welcome dinner/reception (August 23) but does not include the conference banquet. Accompanying person(s) of each registered attendant is/are required to make reservations and pay additional fees for the welcome dinner/reception and Conference banquet (Visa, MasterCard®, JCB, AMEX, and Diners Club).

**Theme and Topics of Interest**

The main theme of the Conference is “Operations Management and Strategy in the Era of Technological Revolution.” Environmental issues and the digital revolution are reshaping society and the industrial world (e.g. Industrie 4.0 in Germany, Society 5.0 in Japan and Made in China 2025) aiming to connect factories worldwide and shorten development, production, and delivery lead-times. At this world conference, OM researchers and practitioners from around the globe will share their thoughts and research outcomes to address how OM can continue to contribute to society and businesses in this era of technological revolution. This is a unique opportunity to reflect on OM’s contribution to the technological revolution. See the main web site for a full list of suggested themes.

For further information, please check the Conference website: [https://jomsa.org/worldpom/](https://jomsa.org/worldpom/)

Please send all proposals and inquiries electronically to: worldpom@e-jomsa.jp

**Organizing and Sponsoring Organizations**

Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association (JOMSA); European Operations Management Association (EurOMA); Production and Operations Management Society (POMS); Decision Sciences Institute (DSI); ASCOM (Association of Supply Chain and Operations Management)

**Other Supporting Organizations**

Australia and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM); Japan Academy of Business Administration (JABA); Japan Academy of International Business Studies (JAIBS); Japan Industrial Management Association (JIMA); Japan Society for Information and Management (JSIM); Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC); Reliability Engineering Association of Japan (REAJ); The Japan Chapter of the System Dynamics Society (JSD); The Japan Society for Management Information (JASMIN); The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME); The Operations Research Society of Japan (ORSJ); Asociación Científica Economía y Dirección de Empresas (ACEDEDOT chapter)

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