

Call for Papers

1st Conference of the **Supply Chain Management** Special Interest Group

of the Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Society (MSOM)
of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)

College Park, MD, June 7, 2008

Full papers to be submitted by January 21, 2008

The Supply Chain Management SIG of MSOM will hold its first conference on June 7, 2008, in College Park, MD following the annual MSOM Conference. The format will closely follow that of the previous Multi-Echelon (ME) conferences, with a small number of paper presentations followed by discussant comments and general discussion.

The conference will concentrate on the areas of **Sustainable and Humanitarian Applications of Supply Chain Management**. These two topics reflect the growing awareness in industry of the need to focus on the “triple bottom line” of profit, social, and environmental objectives. Preference will be given to papers that are related to the themes below.

- Sustainable operations
- Humanitarian logistics
- Security and disaster prevention
- Responses to environmental/energy policy
- Closed loop supply chains

Registration Fee: There will be a separate registration fee for the SIG conference (\$75 for general admission and \$40 for students). Note that with this fee, you can attend sessions in both the Supply Chain Management and Service Management SIG conferences, as they will be hosted in the same venue at the same time. Online registration is available at <http://www.smith.umd.edu/dit/msom2008/registration.html>

Important Dates:

Submission deadline (full paper): January 21
Review deadline (for reviewers): March 1
Notification of acceptance: March 22
Early Registration begins: March 22
Early registration closes: April 22

Submission instructions:

Those interested in presenting at the MSOM Supply Chain Management SIG conference should submit a blinded finished paper at <http://www.smith.umd.edu/dit/msom2008/sigs.html>. *Please make sure to click the “Supply Chain Management SIG Conference” button in the Technical Areas section when submitting.*

Papers will go through a double-blind refereeing process. A complete paper submission should be in PDF format and consist of the following:

- A separate title page with an abstract. Author's names should not appear on the title page or anywhere in the paper. Names will be registered by the electronic system.
- The paper should be less than 30 pages and compliant with MSOM formatting standards (see <http://www.informs.org/site/MSOM/index.php?c=13&kat=Submission+Guidelines>)

Authors cannot present the same paper at both the main MSOM conference and the SIG conference. The same paper may be submitted to the MSOM conference (in extended abstract format), but submitting to the SIG conference implies a commitment to present at the SIG conference if accepted to both. The acceptance notification dates of both conferences are the same for ease of coordination.

For further information or questions, please email the conference organizers at mark.ferguson@mgt.gatech.edu (Mark Ferguson), pinar@isye.gatech.edu (Pinar Keskinocak) or beril.toktay@mgt.gatech.edu (Beril Toktay).