

DSI President's Letter Oct. 2019

Our 50th Anniversary celebration in New Orleans is almost here! Join us as we travel back to 1969 and revisit our humble beginnings as well as honor those who charted our path forward.

The 2019 conference team, Kevin Linderman Tom Kull, Carmela Di Mauro, and Dongli Zhang have put together an excellent program on the theme of Transforming Decision Sciences through Emergent Technologies.

With 1674 presentations and over 40 workshops on research, teaching and learning and professional development, I am confident the conference will be interesting and inspirational! I want to note a few of the highlights of this year's conference. Be sure to check out the complete schedule on the DSI website.

- The keynote addresses, *Strategy and Structure: Visualizing Complex Ecosystems* on Saturday and *Technology Powering the Evolution of Supply Chain Financing* on Sunday will be immediately followed by interactive workshops that will allow you to explore how to integrate the concepts into your research.
- Join Editors Cheri Speier-Pero and Mark Ferguson and this year's *Decision Sciences* best paper finalists at 1-2:30 pm Sunday afternoon to gain insights on what it takes to develop an award winning research article.
- Meet 11 editors and associate editors of top journals including *Journal of Operations Management*, *Journal of Supply Chain Management*, *Journal of Business Logistics*, and *MIS Quarterly* on Monday at 8 am.
- Stay on the cutting edge in teaching and learning in data driven decision-making during 13 sessions organized by the Data, Analytics and Statistics Instruction Special Interest group.
- Do you teach students globally? Five experienced educators will share their insights and strategies for effective instruction in the Teaching in the Global Context workshop offered on Sunday at 2:50 pm.
- Get a behind the scenes look at how those iconic Mardi Gras floats are made during the Welcome Reception on Saturday from 6:30-8:30 pm. Transportation to and from the hotel is provided.
- When we come together at the Sunday's President's Reception and Dinner Banquet, we will celebrate our past, present and future in true DSI style with a special nod to our founding members and past leaders. We will also recognize the 2019 DSI Fellows, Lifetime Distinguished Educator, and Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award recipients.

Note, as you are making your travel plans, remember the conference is scheduled from 8 am on Saturday Nov. 23 until 6 pm on Monday Nov. 25, with sessions scheduled throughout.

Stay connected with DSI throughout the year by participating in one of the four US regional conferences planned by SEDSI (Feb. 12-14), SWDSI (March 11-14), NEDSI (March 26-28), and WDSI (April 7-10) or the international conferences planned by ISDSI (Dec 27-30) and EDSI in **June 2020**. Our regional and international conferences play a critical role in providing a venue for networking and facilitating knowledge.

The continued success of DSI depends upon you. Consider sharing your time and expertise by serving on a DSI committee. The term of the committees begins in May. If you are interested in getting involved, contact me at jhartle@bgsu.edu or President-Elect Vijay Kannan at Vijay.Kannan@usu.edu.

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