

Dear Colleagues:

Oh what a conference! The conference program team – Sriram Narayanan, Yan Dong, Nitin Joglekar, Kathy McFadden, Marco Sartor, and Stephen Ostrom – as well as Vivian Landrum and Maria Hunt supporting their efforts at the DSI home office, put together an outstanding program and delivered it without a hitch in a virtual environment. Thank you to each and everyone of them, as well as the track chairs, session chairs, consortia and award competition coordinators, special interest group (SIG) organizers, and virtual volunteers for ensuring that participants had the quality conference experience for which DSI is known.

Just a brief recap of the conference: We had 4 outstanding keynote sessions aligned with the conference theme of “Decision Making in Challenging Times – Equity, Inclusion, and Sustainability”; 23 professional development workshops, along with 4 editorial panels; 25 curated panels focused on track-related themes and content; 244 research sessions, including 92 invited sessions; 2 consortia - our inaugural Clinical Professor Career Consortium and the PhD Student Consortium; 2 showcases - emerging markets and doctoral innovation; 959 abstracts accepted; and 1225 online participants. Most sessions and all keynotes were recorded. Attendees are able to view and watch any sessions they may have missed or replay any sessions they found beneficial. All files and other materials uploaded to the site remain available as well. Simply go to the conference site link, open the schedule and click on the session card you want to watch. The site will remain open through December.

Looking forward to 2022, most of our regional conferences will be in-person starting with the Southeast DSI conference February 16-18 in Jacksonville, Florida, followed by the Southwest DSI conference March 2-5 in New Orleans. Western DSI will hold their pandemic-delayed 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference April 5-8 in Waikoloa, Hawaii. The Northeast DSI conference will be in Newark, NJ April 7-9, during the famous Cherry Blossom Festival. Also in April, for those who still do not wish to travel, Midwest DSI will host an online conference April 8-9. For those who are looking to travel to or within Europe, plan to attend the European DSI conference in Dublin, Ireland May 29-June 1. The Midwest, Southeast, and Western DSI conferences are now open for registration. The Northeast and European DSI conferences are still accepting submissions. Please see the DSI website for more information.

In exciting news on the publications front, DSI just launched our newest journal, *Decision Sciences Insights*. This journal adds to DSI’s publication portfolio in the professional development domain, with the tagline, “Insightful Information in the Moment,” reflecting a focus on cutting edge content to support our community’s goals at all phases of their careers. Thank you to Kathy Zuckweiler, *DS Insights* editor, and her editorial team for taking the vision for this journal and making it a reality. Be sure to check out Volume 1, Issue 1, now available on the DSI website.

In more exciting news, DSI is on track to launch our new website in early 2022. DSI has been working with Communications Strategy Group over the last year on a brand repositioning and website design project to provide even more value to our membership. At the conference Awards Ceremony, we previewed the new website, and the full website will be functional in February. This has been a major strategic initiative by DSI on behalf of our members, and I am thrilled with the content, look, and feel of

the website. Once launched in February, please let me know how you like it and any suggestions for further enhancing its value to the DSI community.

The election for the DSI board will open on January 26, 2022, with active dues-paying members as of January 21 eligible to vote. Be on the lookout for the ballot and make sure your voice is heard as we choose our future leadership team! The candidates for each position are listed below.

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As 2021 draws to a close, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season and hope for a brighter year ahead. While so much has changed in the world over the past two years, we are fortunately starting to meet and interact in person again with family, friends, and colleagues. As DSI, too, returns to in-person conferences, I hope you can join us at one or more of our regional conferences in the first half of 2022 and at the DSI annual conference in Houston next November. I look forward to seeing you there!

Joy M. Field

President