

I have been member of DSI and attended the annual conferences for the past 15 years. Numerous times, I have organized and chaired conference tracks and have been member of marketing and publication committees. Investing time into DSI and meeting like-minded colleagues from around the world has not only paid off, but has been personally rewarding and fun. DSI offers the opportunity and freedom to help shape future research. For example, I organized a novel conference track in humanitarian operations and supply chain management to bring scholars in this field together. I both, organized and participated, in numerous panel discussions on supply chain innovation, a topic that has been greatly inspired by the conference interaction with colleagues. I bring doctoral students and post-docs along with me to the conference, and they find it highly beneficial to establish their own network. Via the conference and the DSI membership young scholars can also get involved in the Decision Sciences Journal, both as a reviewer and author.

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