

## **ISIR e-newsletter May 2008**

Dear ISIR member!

Please find below some current news from the ISIR community:

### **15th International Symposium on Inventories August 22-26, 2008 - Sofitel Budapest, Hungary**

<http://www.diamond-congress.hu/isir2008>

Until the March 31 deadline we received a record number of abstract submissions (156!) for the Symposium. The abstracts were reviewed by members of the ISIR Executive Committee and notifications on acceptance have been sent out recently. Now we expect the registrations and work on the program schedule.

Please note the following deadlines:

May 15, 2008      Early registration  
July 31, 2008      Submission of full papers

We would be more than happy to welcome you among the participants!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **3rd World Conference on Production and Operations Management August 5-8, 2008, Tokyo, Japan**

<http://www.jomsa.jp>

The conference will be hosted by the Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association (JOMSA). The program includes keynote speeches and invited lectures of academic leaders and top executives of global companies, parallel sessions and plant tours (e.g to Toyota Plant).

### **5th International Mediterranean Modelling Multiconference (I3M 2008) September 17-19, 2008, Briatico, Italy**

[www.msc-les.org/Conf/I3M2008](http://www.msc-les.org/Conf/I3M2008)

The 5th edition of the I3M will be held in Briatico (South Italy) involving the following conferences and workshops:

EMSS 2008 ([www.msc-les.org/conf/EMSS2008](http://www.msc-les.org/conf/EMSS2008))

HMS 2008 ([www.msc-les.org/conf/HMS2008](http://www.msc-les.org/conf/HMS2008))

MAS 2008 ([www.msc-les.org/conf/MAS2008](http://www.msc-les.org/conf/MAS2008))

Inventory Management Simulation Track will be organized at The International Workshop on Modelling & Applied Simulation 2008.

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### **International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management (IEEM) December 8-11, 2008, Singapore**

[www.IEEM2008.org](http://www.IEEM2008.org)

The International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management (IEEM) aims to provide a forum to disseminate, to all branches of industries, information on the most recent and relevant innovations, theories and practices in Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management. Founded by the Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management Department of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 1994, the conference has been hosted by leading universities in Asia and has grown over the years in tandem with the rising importance of industrial engineering in Asia.

Papers and proposals are invited for special sessions/tracks related to all areas in industrial engineering and engineering management.

**Important dates**

Full paper submission: 1 June 2008  
Notification of acceptance: 1 August 2008  
Final camera-ready paper due: 1 September 2008

**Publication**

All submissions will be peer reviewed by an International Program Committee. Accepted papers will be published in the IEEE conference proceedings, and indexed in IEEExplore and Ei.

**Conference Secretariat**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**The 50th Conference of the UK Operational Research Society (OR 50)  
York, September 09 – 11, 2008  
--- Call for Papers for the FORECASTING stream ---**

There is a dedicated stream on 'forecasting' in the forthcoming 50th Conference of the UK Operational Research Society, and the organisers would like to invite theoretical and/or empirical contributions in this field.

The stream addresses issues related to forecasting in an industrial context and potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Development of forecasting over the last 50 years
- Statistical forecasting
- Judgemental forecasting
- Forecast Support Systems (FSS)
- Forecast accuracy and performance measures
- Case studies
- Categorisation of time series
- Forecasting in inventory management
- Hierarchical forecasting
- Forecasting and system dynamics.

The stream will provide an opportunity for the constructive exchange of ideas in this area and will include a Keynote presentation on 'Linking Forecasting and System Dynamics for Inventory Management'.

If you wish to present a paper in this stream, you may submit your abstract electronically at:

[http://www.orsoc.org.uk/conference/papersubmission/conference\\_submit.asp?cid=20](http://www.orsoc.org.uk/conference/papersubmission/conference_submit.asp?cid=20)

sending also an e-mail to either of the organisers. If you would like to submit an abstract but are not ready yet to do so, then please get in touch with either of the organisers below:

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**EPSRC PhD Studentships in OR and Statistics  
Centre for OR and Applied Statistics  
University of Salford**

Applications are invited from well-qualified, highly motivated students for a number of PhD studentships in the Centre for OR and Applied Statistics at the University of Salford. The Centre is part of Salford Business School and was rated 5 at the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise. With a healthy postgraduate population, the Centre offers many exciting opportunities for postgraduate training in Operational Research and Statistics. Students will have the opportunity to attend postgraduate courses that are available through the National Taught Course Centre in OR and the Academy for PhD training in Statistics.

Research projects are offered in the following areas:

- ♣ Bayesian analysis of multivariate stochastic processes;
- ♣ Modelling strategic decisions in sport;
- ♣ Statistical forecasting in inventory with expert judgement.

The studentships are available through the EPSRC Doctoral Training Scheme. The studentships cover fees and maintenance for UK students, and fees only for EU students, for a minimum period of 3 years. The maintenance grant offered will be £14,000 per annum. Candidates should have, or expect to obtain, at least a 2:1 honours degree or an MSc in a numeric-related subject such as Mathematics, Statistics or Operational Research.

Further enquiries may be made to Dr. Philip Scarf (tel 0161 295 3817; email: [p.a.scarf@salford.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.scarf@salford.ac.uk)). Descriptions of the projects above can be provided.

Applications must be made using a standard postgraduate research application form which can be downloaded from: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/study/postgraduate-research/applying/>

Please indicate on your application form that you would like to apply for an EPSRC DTA (CORAS) studentship, and list one of the topics above as your area of study- you do not need to provide a proposal. We will require you to provide references and transcripts. Send your application to [p.a.scarf@salford.ac.uk](mailto:p.a.scarf@salford.ac.uk) by 6th June 2008.