

**ISIR Summer School 2025
25–29 August
Eindhoven, Netherlands**

On behalf of the International Society for Inventory Research, Eindhoven University of Technology is honored to be hosting the 17th Summer School in 2025.

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Report on the 17th ISIR PhD Summer School

Eindhoven, August 25–29, 2025

The 17th International Society for Inventory Research (ISIR) PhD Summer School took place in Eindhoven and gathered around twenty PhD students, sixteen of whom presented their work, together with about twenty faculty members including discussants, keynote speakers, and senior contributors.

Following a long tradition, the main focus of the summer school was the student presentations. Each presentation was given generous time, followed by comments from two discussants — one student and one faculty member. This traditional setup allowed for in-depth discussions and constructive feedback, which made the sessions particularly valuable.

Alongside the student sessions, the program also featured a tutorial, three keynotes, and an editorial panel. Joren Gijsbrechts (Esade) gave a tutorial on how to improve research presentations. The keynotes were delivered by Karen Donohue (Arizona State University) on the adoption of eco-friendly business practices, Ruud Teunter (University of Groningen, stepping in for Stefan Minner) on practical inventory management, and Sean Willems (University of Tennessee) on the intersection of real-world applications and academic careers. The editorial panel, with Jan Fransoo, Zambul Atan, Geert-Jan van Houtum, and

Sean Willems, and moderated by Sarah van der Auweraer, addressed publishing and career development and was well received by the students.

The ASML–ISIR research challenge was another highlight of the week. After strong finalist presentations, the team of Patrick Helm, Karl Kompatscher, and Stefan Minner was awarded the win. The other finalists were Fabian Akkerman, Dennis Prak, and Matthieu van der Heijden.

The social program provided a welcome balance to the academic sessions. On Monday evening, the participants gathered for a welcome event at Café 100 Watt. Midweek included a visit to ASML and an excursion to Den Bosch including a boat trip and guided city tour, combining technical insight with cultural experience. On Wednesday evening, the group enjoyed the conference dinner at FIFTH NRE. These activities created ample opportunities for informal exchange and strengthened the ties within the ISIR community. The summer school was supported by the European Supply Chain Forum (ESCF), ASML, and the OPAC group of IE&IS at Eindhoven University of Technology. The organizing team would like to thank all participants for their contributions and engagement.

On behalf of the organizing committee
Eindhoven, August 2025



Group picture of the 17th ISIR PhD Summer School in Eindhoven.



Some of the winners and organizers of the ASML production-inventory planning research challenge



Monday lunch



Visit to ASML headquarters



Boat trip with lunch in Den Bosch



Guided city Tour of Den Bosch in groups



Conference dinner at FIFTH NRE, Eindhoven.