



**The 6th World Conference on Production and
Operations Management - P&OM Nara 2021
September 7-10, 2021
Nara Kasugano International Forum, Nara-Japan**

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Theme: P&OM and Strategy in the Era of Technological Revolution



CALL FOR PAPERS (UPDATE)

The World P&OM Conferences takes place every four years through collaboration between EurOMA (European Operations Management Association), POMS (Production and Operations Management Society) and JOMSA (Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association). After being postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Sixth World Conference P&OM will be held in Nara, Japan in September 2021, with JOMSA taking the leading role in collaboration with EurOMA, POMS involved on the Steering Committee and DSI (Decision Sciences Institute) and ASCOM (Association of Supply Chain and Operations Management-China) as sponsors. ASCOM will organize invited sessions and provide committee members.

The Conference provides a global forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange innovative ideas on Operations Management. One of the main goals of the P&OM World Conferences is to facilitate high global networking. Therefore the Conference is about face-to-face, in person communication. Current news make us to anticipate that restrictions associated with the pandemic conditions will have eased. If that is not the case, the Conference will be postponed to 2022, with any monies paid in advance returned (except if participants wish to keep it for the 2022 fees).

Location

Nara is a *UNESCO World Heritage* site, reflecting its importance as the original capital of Japan (<https://narashikanko.or.jp/en/> and <https://www.visitnara.jp/world-heritage/>). It is surrounded by the bustling cities of Osaka (about 40 minutes), Kyoto (about 40 minutes) and Nagoya (about 1½ hours). Tokyo is about 3 hours away by bullet train via Kyoto. The Conference hall is next to the Todaiji Temple, the Kofukuji Temple, and the Kasuga Grand Shrine, all of which are in Nara Park itself (<https://www.visitnara.jp/destinations/area/nara-park/>).

Special Conference Features

On offer are at least three significant keynote plenary sessions including “Business Models for Advanced Information Technologies,” “Global Supply Chain Strategies,” and “Companies’ Strategies in the Digitization Era”. An additional special session will address the “Effects of COVID-19 on global supply chains”. Stand out confirmed participants to-date include (in alphabetical order): *Kasra Ferdows; Hau Lee; Arnoud de Meyer; Michiya Morita; Mark Pagell; Ann Vereecke; Chris Voss and Xiande Zhao* and industrial speakers from global corporations .

Editorial panel of leading POM Journals: Editors from the following journals have already agreed to participate: IJOPM; IJPDLM; IJPE; OMR, JSM; and JOMS.

Special issues To-date special issues have been agreed with IJOPM, IJPDLM, OMR and JOMS. See the conference website for further detail.

Three Awards will be given to excellent papers presented at the Conference: *The Jose A.D.Machuca P&OM World Conference Best Paper Award*, *the Decision Sciences Institute - sponsored P&OM Nara 2020 Best Paper Award* and *the ACEDEDOT-sponsored P&OM World Conference Nara 2020 Best Paper Award* (more information on the Conference website).

Social events are core to the conference including a welcome dinner/reception at a garden of the beautiful award-winning Nara Park, a banquet dinner at the historic Nara Hotel, the *Gagaku* concert (<https://ich.unesco.org/en/RL/gagaku-00265>, intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity) with additional cultural events and walking tours. Optional sightseeing tours around Nara and Kyoto (September 6) will be organized as pre-Conference and post-Conference activities as well as factory tours and company visits (September 10).

Abstract and Full Paper Submissions

To present a paper at the Conference you must submit an extended abstract (max. 1,000 words) before February 28, 2021. Please see the template on how to submit on the main conference website (<https://jomsa.org/worldpom/abstract-model-instructions/>).

One person can submit up to three abstracts, irrespective of primary or secondary authorship. All submitted abstracts will be double-blind peer-reviewed, based on their relevance and significance for POM and their originality. At least one author must register before the 1st June, 2021, and attend the Conference to present the paper.

Usually accepted abstracts will be followed by full paper submissions (maximum 10 pages), to be included in the Conference proceedings. However the submission of a full paper is not compulsory for presenting, but it is strongly recommended. Manuscripts submitted to this conference must be original work, that has not been copyrighted, published, or accepted for presentation in any other format. **Abstracts and full papers must be submitted in English.** Although presentations in Spanish or Japanese are allowed in ad-hoc Spanish and Japanese-speaking sessions, however presentation in English is strongly recommended.

Important Dates (new update)

Abstract Submission Due Date: **February 28, 2021**
Notification of Abstract Acceptance: **March 31, 2021**
Full Paper Submission Due Date: **June 1, 2021**
Early Registration Due Date: **June 15, 2021**
Final Online-Registration Due Date: **August 3, 2021**



Registration Procedures

For registration and submissions please go to <https://amarys-jtb.jp/pom2020/>. Where you find a two step registration process and further information on hotels, optional factory/company visits, sightseeing tours, and additional arrangements for accompanying person/s – and you can pay!. The registration fees for members of organizing and supporting organizations, non-members, and students are shown in the following table:

	EARLY REGISTRATION (On or Before September 16, 2020)	LATE REGISTRATION (On or After September 17, 2020)
Member	70,000JPY	80,000JPY
Non-member	80,000JPY	90,000JPY
Student	30,000JPY	35,000JPY

Early registration must be paid by **June 15, 2021**. At least one author of a paper needs to make the payment by **June 15, 2021**; otherwise, the paper and its presentation will be automatically withdrawn from the Conference program.

The **member** category applies to members of JOMSA, EurOMA, POMS, DSI, ASCOM and other sponsoring and supporting organizations. The registration fee includes lunch on two days (September 8 and 9), a welcome dinner/reception (September 7) and the Conference banquet for the registered person of member and non-member category. The student registration fee includes lunch on two days (September 8 and 9) and the welcome dinner/reception (September 7) but does not include the conference Banquet. Accompanying person/s of each registered attendant is/are required to make reservations and pay additional fees for the welcome dinner/reception and Conference banquet (Visa, MasterCard®, JCB, AMEX, and Diners Club).

Theme and Topics of Interest

The main theme of the Conference is **“Operations Management and Strategy in the Era of Technological Revolution.”** Environmental issues and the digital revolution are reshaping society and the industrial world (e.g. *Industrie 4.0* in Germany, *Society 5.0* in Japan and *Made in China 2025*) aiming to connect factories worldwide and shorten development, production, and delivery lead-times. At this world conference, OM researchers and practitioners from around the globe will share their thoughts and research outcomes to address how OM can continue to contribute to society and businesses in this era of technological revolution. This is a unique opportunity to reflect on OM's contribution to the technological revolution. See the main web site for a full list of suggested themes.

**For further information, please check the Conference website: <https://jomsa.org/worldpom/>
Please send all proposals and inquiries electronically to: worldpom@e-jomsa.jp**

Organizing and Supporting Organizations

- *Japanese Operations Management and Strategy Association (JOMSA)*
- *European Operations Management Association (EurOMA)*
- *Production and Operations Management Society (POMS)*
- *Decision Sciences Institute (DSI)*
- *ASCOM (Association of Supply Chain and Operations Management)*
- *Australia and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM)*
- *Japan Academy of Business Administration (JABA)*
- *Japan Academy of International Business Studies (JAIBS)*
- *Japan Industrial Management Association (JIMA)*
- *Japan Society for Information and Management (JSIM)*
- *Japanese Society for Quality Control (JSQC)*
- *Reliability Engineering Association of Japan (REAJ)*
- *The Japan Chapter of the System Dynamics Society (JSD)*
- *The Japan Society for Management Information (JASMIN)*
- *The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers (JSME)*
- *The Operations Research Society of Japan (ORSJ)*
- *Asociación Científica Economía y Dirección de Empresas (ACEDEDOT chapter)*

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