

May 5, 2016
POMS College of Humanitarian Operations and Crisis Management
Mini-Conference

We have an exciting program lined up for the HOCM College's fifth annual mini-conference! The mini-conference will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in Orlando, FL, the day before the POMS conference. Join us to explore new topics relevant to humanitarian operations and crisis management and to engage in discussion with practitioners and academics. This is a great opportunity to meet with experts in this area that may inform and inspire your research!

The mini-conference will begin at 1:00pm, followed by a reception starting at 6:00pm.

Here are a few highlights from this year's mini-conference program:

- **UNHCR refugee planning and operations for the refugee crisis**
Svein Hapnes is Head of Supply Chain, for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Athens, Greece. He will speak about supply chain and operations management for the UNHCR response to the refugee crisis.
- **Manufacturing and supply chain planning in Haiti**
Jennifer Esterle works for Edesia, a manufacturer of ready-to-use foods (you may have heard of Plumpy'Nut). She has worked in manufacturing facilities in both Haiti and the US. She will speak about the challenges of manufacturing and supply chain planning in Haiti in contrast to the US, with lessons relevant to manufacturing in other developing countries.
- **Florida disaster response operations for the volunteer-driven Baptist Disaster Relief**
Delton Beall is Catalyst/State Director of the Disaster Relief and Recovery Ministries for the Florida Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is one of the largest disaster volunteer organizations in the US. He will speak about the challenges of mobilizing volunteers and equipment for disaster response in a volunteer organization.
- **Reception and networking opportunities**

To register for the HOCM mini-conference, please go to the following link and click on "Click here to Register". The online registration affords \$25 savings versus on-site registration and is available until April 15, 2016.

http://poms.org/colleges/college_of_humanitarian_operat/

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
The College of Humanitarian Operations and Crisis Management

The HOCM College is a set of members from the POMS community with an objective to connect the communities of academics and practitioners with a common goal of achieving effective and efficient humanitarian operations and management of crises. The College organizes research tracks, mini conferences, panel discussions, best paper awards and workshops at the POMS conferences.