Subject: POMS 2016 SCM Best Student Paper Competition -- Finalists

The finalists for the POMS 2016 SCM College Best Student Paper Competition have been determined. We received 46 papers this year and have selected five finalists. The list of finalists is given below. The finalists are required to present their paper at one of two sessions at the POMS Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida. The two sessions are scheduled for Saturday May 7, 8:00am-9:30am and 9:45am-11:15am.

Each paper will be allotted 20 minutes for the presentation and this will be followed by a 10 minute Q&A. Presentation quality will also be taken into account to decide the first and second prize winners.

The first prize is accompanied by a $600 honorarium and the second prize is accompanied by a $300 honorarium. All finalists will also be awarded up to $500 of support for out-of-pocket expenses and complementary conference registration for the 2016 Annual POMS conference. The first and second prize winners will be announced during the conference at the POMS Supply Chain Management College Business Meeting on Saturday, May 7th.

**Congratulations to the finalists (listed below)!**

**Title: Optimal Policies for Assembly Systems: Completing Rosling's Characterization**
**Entrant: Shaokuan Chen**
Institution: Naveen Jindal School of Management, The University of Texas at Dallas
Advisor: Alp Muharremoglu

**Title: Designing Contracts and Sourcing Channels to Create Shared Value**
**Entrant: Joann F. de Zegher**
Institution: Stanford University, Graduate School of Business
Advisor: Dan A. Iancu, Hau Lee

**Title: Buyer Intermediation in Supplier Finance**
**Entrant: Weiming Zhu**
Institution: Robert H. Smith School of Business University of Maryland
Advisor: Tunay I. Tunca

**Title: Distressed Selling by Farmers: Model, Analysis, and Use in Policy-Making**
**Entrant: Shivam Gupta**
Institution: Naveen Jindal School of Management, The University of Texas at Dallas
Advisor: Milind Dawande

**Title: Risky Suppliers or Risky Supply Chains? An Empirical Analysis of Sub-tier Supply Network Structure on Firm Performance in the High-Tech Sector**
**Entrant: Yixin Iris Wang**
Institution: Ross School of Business, University of Michigan
Advisor(s): Jun Li, Ravi Anupindi
Look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming POMS conference and the final presentations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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