CALL FOR SHORT PAPERS *IN THE PAPER COMPETITIONS*
DEADLINE: October 27th, 2023

The POMS chapter for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) works on production and operations management research that faces and embraces the region's challenges. The chapter aims to expose high-impact research that creates public engagement and brings real benefits to practitioners, society, and policymakers by solving crucial issues related to production, operations, and supply chain management. We promote a close relationship among scholars, students, industry and the public sector to achieve that goal.

1 Student paper competition

MIT SCALE network for Latin America and the Caribbean proposes innovative educational programs (e.g., the MIT Graduate Certificate in Logistics and SCM - the GCLOG Program-, the Undergraduate Certificate in Logistics and SCM – the UCLOG program-) and getting students immersed in applied research, industry-based experience. Based on this experience, the POMS chapter for LAC is organizing a student paper competition for the 2024 POMS Cartagena Conference to grow competencies and skills for students in solving real problems for the region.

1.1 Eligibility for Student's Research

Students participating in the Paper Competition must have been born or live in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) AND must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate program or graduate program (doctoral or master level) from the region. No author participating in the paper may have received a Ph.D. before the Conference, except for industry collaborators (i.e., non-academic authors). The paper's lead author must be enrolled in an academic program from LAC.

Despite the differences in education, the organizing committee will create categories for undergraduate and graduate programs separately. Likewise, the evaluation committee will evaluate all criteria depending on each education level.

1.2 Categories and prizes

The best paper from a student (or a student's team) will receive a 25-to-50% tuition waiver and a diploma from one of our sponsors, the MIT GCLOG program. Such waiver will be granted if the student(s) enrolls in the GCLOG program hosted by MIT Center

for Transportation and Logistics (CTL) in Cambridge, MA, U.S. Recipients of this benefit will be subject to meeting the [eligibility requirements and the admission process](#).

In addition, the best undergraduate student (or student team) will receive a diploma and 25-to-50% tuition waiver to the UCLOG program hosted by the Center for Latin-American Logistics Innovation (CLI) at LOGYCA in Bogota, Colombia. Recipients of this benefit will be subject to meeting the eligibility requirements and the UCLOG program's admission process.

We will also provide honorable mentions to the runner-up paper in both categories.

2 Industry paper competition

We strongly believe that research has to be carried out to solve real-life problems for industry, government, and society. However, not only do scholars do cutting-edge research, practitioners, and authorities also address significant issues for society in many innovative ways. Therefore, we are increasing the reach of this paper competition by inviting more practitioners to the Conference. We aim to recognize the great value practitioners bring to industry and academia by solving genuinely challenging real-life problems. We aim to motivate the exchange of knowledge of experience-driven solutions, public policy, and other empirical approaches.

2.1 Eligibility for Practitioners

Eligible papers must come from a corporate or private organization and may have received support from scholars or students, but the research lead must be a practitioner. Only submissions from organizations located in the region or tackling issues from Latin America and the Caribbean will be considered. Every type of industry (i.e., trade, service, or manufacturing) and size are welcome to participate in the competition. Finally, in addition to the empirical solution, practitioners need to justify their contribution and support it with the academic literature body.

2.2 Prize

The best paper award will be granted to the team or person with the best score. The award recipients will receive a diploma and a check for US$250, funded by the official sponsors of the 2024 POMS Cartagena Conference.

3 Instructions for paper submission and presentations

3.1 Instructions for short papers in paper competitions

- The short paper must be submitted in <u>English</u>.
- The short paper must be written in teams of a <u>maximum of five people</u>.
- <u>All participants (students or practitioners)</u> should <u>be eligible</u> in the corresponding category they compete.
- The <u>short paper must be written as a scientific article.</u>
- The <u>writing and referencing format</u> must meet the standard academic <u>APA style</u>.
- The research must be an <u>original creation</u> by the team of participants.
- The paper must <u>not infringe on any third-party rights</u>.
- The research must <u>not have been published, submitted for publication, or presented in other paper competitions elsewhere</u>.
- Finally, authors must indicate if their research is a <u>finished work or a work in progress</u> just after writing up the abstract and keywords in their manuscript.

3.2 Short paper submission

All short papers seeking to participate in any paper competitions must be submitted to the corresponding tracks called *Student paper competition* or *Industry paper competition* by our extended deadline of <u>October 27th, 2023</u>, via the <u>EasyChair platform</u>. Further instructions about the structure of the manuscript, number of words, and details to be met in each section are provided in the <u>WORD manuscript template</u> available on the Conference's official website.

3.3 Instructions for presentations

- Speakers allocated to the <u>virtual days</u> will need <u>to share the screen from the virtual room we will use for the track</u> they will present in <u>Zoom</u>. Regarding speakers allocated to <u>days when the Conference will take place in person in Cartagena</u>, <u>speakers will have access to a projector, a clicker with a laser pointer, and a fixed computer in the corresponding rooms.</u> Further details will be shared via Sched once the agenda for the Conference is defined.
- Speakers will have <u>12-15 minutes to present their work,</u> <u>followed by a Q&A session</u> at the end of their presentation.
- <u>Oral presentations will be only allowed in English.</u>
- <u>Using the slide deck template</u> from the 2024 POMS Cartagena conference <u>is strongly recommended</u>.
- Further details and instructions will follow as we get close to the Conference.

4 Evaluation Criteria

Given the applied nature of the research we aim to promote and address with our Conference, the evaluation committee of the paper competitions will assess multi-dimensional criteria to students and practitioners but always allocate a heavy weight to the practical relevance for solving real-life challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. Therefore, the jury will take into account the following aspects in each paper:

- ❖ Regional Impact (social, economic, environmental)
- ❖ Contribution (practical and theoretical)
- ❖ Applicability (potential to replicate the model in other contexts, circumstances, industries, geographies, etc.)
- ❖ Academic rigor and solid methodological framework
- ❖ Originality and creativity
- ❖ Quality of the speech and the research

Questions and Inquiries

Reach out directly to the official e-mail account of the Conference at pomsscalelac2023@mit.edu