

Welcome to the 11th North American Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management

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To All Conference Attendees:

IEOM Society International is pleased to welcome you to the 11th North American International Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management, taking place in Cape Town, South Africa, from May 13–15, 2026. The conference is hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). The venue is at the UWM New Chemistry Building and the Engineering Building (EMS).

This year's conference highlights key and emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, digital manufacturing, supply chain management, Industry 4.0, the Internet of Things (IoT), lean systems, Six Sigma, simulation, data analytics, automation, and interdisciplinary research. The event serves as a global platform for academics, researchers, and industry practitioners to exchange ideas, present innovations, and discuss advancements in Industrial Engineering and Operations Management.

The conference aims to foster collaboration, networking, and joint initiatives while advancing both the theory and practice of IEOM. We are delighted to share that the conference received over 400 submissions from 35 countries, with 285 papers and abstracts accepted for presentation.

This year's program features a distinguished lineup of keynote speakers representing academia, industry, and global leadership. Their expertise and insights will provide valuable perspectives on contemporary challenges and future directions in industrial engineering, manufacturing, data analytics, and supply chain digitalization.

Prof. Canan Bilen-Green, UWM Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs (Welcome Speaker)
Francisco Sayu, Vice President, Productivity and Sustainability, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
Paolo Butti, Regional President, Global Industry, Global Sales & Marketing, Rockwell Automation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Jeffrey Wood, VP – Generac Advanced Manufacturing, Waukesha, Wisconsin
Dr. Jag Sarangapani, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO, USA
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Joe Hamman, Executive Director, UWM Connected Systems Institute
Michael Cook, Director, Global Industry-Academia Engagement, Rockwell Automation
Jason House, Business Unit Manager - Mission Readiness & Protective Systems, Northrop Grumman, Chicago, USA
Dr. Anthony Rollett, U.S. Steel Professor of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science and University Professor, Materials Science and Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dr. Chia Youyee Vang, UWM Vice Chancellor, Community Empowerment & Institutional Inclusivity and Professor of History
Rear Admiral Dr. Khandakar Akhter Hossain, Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Maritime University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dr. Alejandro Hernández González, Universidad Juárez del Estado de Durango (UJED), Durango, Mexico
Monica L. Davis, Sr. HR Leader and Certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR), Delek US Holdings, Inc., Texas, USA
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IEOM Society International continues to expand its global footprint, now operating in 151 countries and supporting 302 student chapters across 60 countries. We remain committed to promoting student engagement, research excellence, and international collaboration.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Conference Chair, Dr. Wikistar Otieno, for her outstanding leadership and dedication. We also thank our co-chairs, program leadership, keynote speakers, sponsors, partners, authors, reviewers, track chairs, advisors, committee members, and volunteers for their invaluable contributions in making this conference possible.

We are confident that this conference will be an intellectually enriching and collaborative experience for all participants.

We wish you a successful conference and an enjoyable, memorable stay in Milwaukee.



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