



## CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

If business in Africa was set to a musical score, then the run-up to the 2010 FIFA World Cup, and the event itself, would be marked by the frenetic beating of African drums. The beat would be slower at first, but growing faster and more frenzied, as the event draws closer, and then gets underway. The hype has been enormous, the anticipation palpable. But what happens when it's over? The beat goes on. It's not wild and exuberant, but it's strong and steady. The supply chain profession has faced the challenges of this historic event, but now it's back to business as usual, and supply chain professionals must not miss a beat as they continue to move African industry forward ensuring our sustainable footprint

SAPICS, The Association for Operations Management in Southern Africa would like to extend an invitation to all undergraduate and postgraduate students of Universities & Technikons within the areas of study related to Supply Chain and Operations Management in South Africa to participate in the SAPICS 2010 Poster Presentation Initiative

### What is it all about?

SAPICS recognizes the importance of the inclusion of students and those studying through Higher Education Institutions in our Industry. **YOU** are our future industry leaders.

SAPICS has made available the opportunity for **5 Higher Education Students** to participate in the 2010 SAPICS Conference by providing poster presentations on a chosen topic to be selected from the themes & topics which are listed below. The successful participants will be invited to attend the SAPICS conference for the duration of 25<sup>th</sup> – 28th July, to conduct "Poster presentations" in the Galleria at Sun City in between presentation slots and in the Exhibition hall during Tea and Lunch breaks. The participants must be knowledgeable on the topic of choice and able to provide reasonable responses to questions.

### The SAPICS Annual Conference is the Leading Event in Africa for Supply Chain and Operations Management Professionals.

SAPICS – The Association for Operations Management of Southern Africa was founded in 1966. SAPICS is South Africa's leading source of knowledge and expertise in Operations Management, including production, inventory, materials management, purchasing, distribution and logistics. The Association is closely affiliated to APICS, The Association for Operations Management in America. A professional membership-based Association, SAPICS aims to advance individuals and organizations in the field of supply chain and operations management, through participation in its educational programmes, conferences and events.

**The Supply Chain Council (SCC)** is a global, not-for-profit trade association open to all types of organisations. It sponsors and supports educational programs including conferences, retreats, bench-marking studies, and development of the Supply-Chain Operations Reference-model (SCOR), the process reference model designed to improve users' efficiency and productivity. The Council is dedicated to improving the supply chain efficiency of its practitioner members.

This is the Association's **32nd Annual Conference** and is built on a reputation being the premier **educational** and **networking** event **in Africa** for Supply Chain and Operations Management professionals. The conference is designed to offer practical and relevant information by providing delegates with excellent educational presentations, case studies, idea exchange sessions, interactive workshops and exceptional networking opportunities. Since its inception in 1976 the SAPICS Conference has gone from strength to strength now attracting nearly 1000 attendees.

## Research themes and topics

The following themes and topics are available for selection:

- Strategic Supply Chain and Relationship Management
- Supply Chain Risk and Resilience
- Technology Management and Supply Chain Management
- Green Supply Chain Management
- Lean Supply
- Value transparency
- Relationship development and management
- Globalisation
- Robust / Transparent Supply Networks
- Services Supply Chains
- Supply Sustainability
- Emergency and relief logistics (CSIR Research Topic)
- Sector co-operation for competitiveness (CSIR Research Topic)
- Addressing structural inefficiencies (CSIR Research Topic)
- Supply Chain Security (CSIR Research Topic)

**In order to participate please select a topic from the themes as detailed above and submit the following by no later than Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June to [annie@sapics.org.za](mailto:annie@sapics.org.za)**

Surname: First Name:
Designation:
Institution of Study:
Faculty:
Field of Study:
Postal Address:
Tel:
Fax:
Email:
Topic Selected :
Presentation classification (presentation Experience) : Introduction <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>
Details of Program Manager or Lecturer: (Information required for reference purposes)
Your submission must be endorsed by your University and/or lecturer, please include a letter of such to your submission.

**A synopsis of your presentation is to be included below.**


**Please provide us with some information about yourself:**

Why did you choose this particular field of study?
What do you hope to do in the future, your career aspirations?
Why did you choose this particular topic and why do you feel it is important?

**Should your presentation be accepted we will require the following:-**

Your full presentation is to be submitted to **SAPICS before the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

- Please prepare your poster to fit the dimensions below, it is recommended that poster be prepared on one A0 sheet of cardboard.
- The poster must be portrait in orientation, with maximum dimensions of 841mm wide × 1189 mm high (A0 size).
- Allocate the top of the poster for the title and authors as stated on the submitted abstract.
- The text, illustrations, etc should be large enough to be read from a distance of about two meters.
- When you are preparing your poster, please consider that you must be able to provide sound responses to any questions that are posed to you.
- Instructions on where to hang your poster, and when you need to be in attendance at your poster will be emailed to you once your abstract has been accepted and the timetable finalized.

**SAPICS will provide the following:**

- Easel for mounting of poster presentation
- Timetable of when and where your presentation is to be presented
- Transport to and from Sun City with the scheduled conference transportation
- 3 nights' accommodation at the Cabana's, this includes breakfast
- All meals and drinks will be provided as outlined in the conference program