
Preface

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Biographical notes: Ajay Das, current Editor-in-Chief of *IJISM*, is a Professor in the Operations Management Group, at the Zicklin School of Business, Baruch College, New York, NY. He joined academia after several years of industry experience in supply chain management, obtaining a PhD in Operations Management from Michigan State University in 1998. His current research interests are in examining innovation in the supply chain, and in investigating the interface between supply chain management and technology, quality, and related operational aspects of a business. He has an extensive publication record, and welcomes collaborators with similar research interests.

This issue of *IJISM* includes a collection of interesting studies that examine supply chain integration from very different perspectives.

In a refreshing departure from the usual buyer-supplier focus, Doerflein, Tracey and Tan take an incisive look at the relationship between HRM and supply chain effectiveness. The study reminds supply chain scholars and practitioners about the importance of functional interfaces in a company and their effects on performance. Inventory management issues in high fashion and remanufacturing environments are the subject of inquiry in studies by Park, Chang and Ho, and Lin and Lin, respectively. Both studies offer insights on inventory management challenges in different contexts. Haute couture presents significant challenges to supply chain managers, while re-manufacturing of defectives has important implications for supply chain flow and performance. Abdel-Malek and Zaroni extend the newsvendor model, examining re-ordering opportunities in a two echelon supply chain, with results of interest to the supply chain field. We wrap up this issue with a study by Waikar, Huynh, Cope and Tate on supplier selection in micro-businesses, a rarely studied form of the firm, and its impact on buyer satisfaction.

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