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The President's Corner — Dennis Krumwiede

Dear Fellow GMRG'ers,

It seems like yesterday that we all met in South Korea. What a fantastic time we had there. To visit the DMZ was quite an experience and especially with all the news of late. I will always remember the big screen TV that Hyundai showed us.

Brian has set up a fantastic opportunity for us in Dublin Ireland this year with an agenda that will provide many of us with the ability to once again discuss data collection progress, research ideas, and fellowship for everyone attending the an-

nual meeting.

It has been an interesting year for my family with my son spending so much time in the hospital. I thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and support. He is still dealing with many issues and will be for quite some time but he is progressing. The Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX is an outstanding hospital so I know he is in great care. Several people including Dr. Sheu have taken the time to visit him and that brings smiles to his face.

I personally plan on taking some time to see Ireland a few days prior to our annual meeting. As with any country, a few days never does justice however given the amount of time available, I will make the most of it. It seems that trains and buses run quite frequently so this will most likely be the primary form of transportation a friend and I will use. Maybe we will meet up along the way in Cork or Belfast ☺.

Look forward to seeing all of you soon!

The Director's Corner — Clay Whybark

Wow! The Dublin meeting is almost upon us. It is shaping up well and Brian Fynes has done a great job of providing a venue, integrating some of our activities with the EurOMA group and providing an opportunity to improve our writing skills. More details are available in this edition of the Gazette. I'm really looking forward to seeing you there.

In addition to the work on the meeting, a lot goes on in the background. Chwen Sheu maintains the webpage at Kansas State University (the site of one of our earlier meetings). This is certainly no small task. Teresa Betts at Murray State University compiles the Gazette. She first pleads for input from

people and then makes sense of their demented ramblings. If you have been approached, you know her gentle persuasiveness and magical editing prowess. Updating of the e-mail list is a continual effort. You can help by providing names of colleagues who should be added. Let me know (clay_whybark@unc.edu) when you have names to add or when your e-mail address has changed. (See how smart that last was - of course you won't know of this request if your e-mail address has changed! Also, raise your hand if you're not here.)

Certainly all of you that are busy gathering data, performing analysis and making

sense of your findings are busy as well. As you prepare for the meeting, make note of your data gathering tips, promising analytical approaches, new research ideas and collaboration schemes. The GMRG thrives on your involvement and creativity. Time will be provided at the meeting for you to share your insights and learn from the others that are there.

I certainly want to mention that we all hold Dennis Krumwiede and the family in our thoughts and prayers as Matt Krumwiede continues on the road to recovery from his wounds suffered in Afghanistan. Matt we're all pulling for you!

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2013 ANNUAL GMRG MEETING PROGRAM

**Host: UCD School of Business
Dublin Ireland**

Venues: Smurfit School UCD, Blackrock and Quinn School UCD, Belfield

Friday, June 7th, 2013 - Arrival Day (Smurfit, Blackrock)

Time Table	Activity
16.30 - 18.30	Executive Board Meeting: Management House, Room 2
19.30 - 21.30	Informal Social Gathering and Dinner: Lawrence Crowley Boardroom, Smurfit School

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See conference transportation arrangements to the right

See airport arrival to hotel transportation options on bottom of pg 4.

Alternate transportation for touring Dublin—

Although Dublin offers bus, train, light rail and taxi services, the easiest way to get around the City Centre is walking or biking. Listed below are several alternatives to walking.

1 **Dublin Bus**— the busses are usually either blue and cream double-deckers or small, red and yellow ones. The busses run from 6am to 11:30pm, with services less frequent on Sundays.

2 **LUAS**— Dublin's light-rail system runs one line from Sandyford North to St. Stephens's Green and another line from Tallaght East via Heuston Station into Connolly Station. The LUAS runs Monday-Friday 5.30am-12.30am, Saturday 6.30am-12.30am and Sunday 7am-11.30pm.

3 **Taxi**— Taxis can be hailed on the street or found at ranks, including those at O'Connell St, College Green and N St Stephen's Green. Two of the primary taxi providers are Try City Cabs and National Radio Cabs.

Dublin Bus and LUAS travel passes can be bought in advance from Dublin Bus or from many ticket agents around the city (look for signs in shop windows).

Conference Transportation—a bus will be provided for conference members needing transport from the conference hotel to the meeting venue!

*An Irish Welcome
Here's Céad Míle Fáilte to
friend and to rover
That's a greeting that's Irish as
Irish can be
It means you are welcome
A thousand times over
Wherever you come from,
Whosoever you be*

APRIL 2013**Saturday, June 8th 2013 – Meeting Day (Smurfit, Blackrock)**

Time Table	Activity	People
Management		
House Room 2		
9.00 – 9.45	Welcome & Opening Ceremonies	Dennis Krumwiede Brian Fynes
	Founder's kickoff speech	Clay Whybark
9.45 – 10.45	Meeting objectives	
	Executive meeting update	Dennis Krumwiede
	Program overview	All
	Self introduction	
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	Data collection update	Matteo Kalschmidt
	Reports from data gatherers, general discussion of experiences with data gathering	Jack Wacker
		All
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.45	Learning from Others Misfortune: Exploring Manufacturing Issues using Experimental design	Rob Klassen
	14.45- 15.15	Coffee break
	15.15- 16.15	Presentation; Theory and Statistical Estimation
16.15- 17.00	Round table: Looking Forward to GMRG	Clay Whybark
Evening (exact times to be advised): Dinner & Dublin Literary Pub Tour		

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Registration form for GMRG Dublin Conference will be attached to the distribution e-mail for the Gazette. Please see the attached Word document for conference participants to complete and return to Brian Fynes as indicated within the document.

APRIL 2013**Sunday, June 9th 2013– Meeting Day (Quinn, Belfield)**

Time Table	Activity	People
9.00 – 9.30	Business meeting: Finance, Any other business	Dennis Krumwiede Damien Power Clay Whybark & All VPs
9.30 – 10.45	Breakout Sessions	All
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break	
11.00 – 12.30	Breakout Sessions	All
12.30 – 13.30	Close and join EurOMA Lunch	
13.30 – 16.30	EurOMA Attendees in Session Otherwise Free	All
17.00 – 20.00	Social Gathering together with EurOMA 2013	

Accommodations for the Dublin Meeting

The hotel for this years meeting is the Burlington Hotel. The Burlington Hotel will give us until Thursday, April 11th with our current allocation (information forwarded under previous e-mail). After April 11th (about when you will be receiving the Gazette), it is only subject to availability. The daily rates are €105 BB for a single room or €125 BB for a double room and here is the link. <https://events.conferencepartners.ie/ei/getdemo.ei?id=128&s=4BC0NMCK4>

The following link is a map of the Burlington Hotel location.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?rls=en+IE&q=smurfit+ucd&oe=UTF-8&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&ei=HABjUZHEOJK2hAeW84GgDw&ved=0CAsoAUoAg>

The Hotel Burlington is halfway between City Centre and UCD and has plenty of restaurants. Brian will be providing bussing to the meeting. There is more information about Dublin on the EurOMA 2013 site. To minimize administration complexity, each conference participant should plan on paying the \$50 registration fee with cash upon arrival.

To get to the Burlington from Dublin Airport the easiest options are:

1. Pick up a cab at Dublin Airport: approximate cost 20 euro each way and take about 25 minutes depending on traffic; or
2. Use the air coach which departs Dublin Airport every 30 minutes and drops you at the Burlington: <http://www.aircoach.ie/> . Cost is 8 euro each way and takes about 40 minutes.

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GMRG V Data Gathering Under Way! by Matteo Kalchschmidt

The GMRG V data gathering process is on-going and the first data is coming in! As of today we have a very interesting data gathering process going on. We have more than 25 research groups that committed to data gathering representing almost 20 countries. More than 700 data points are planned to come in based on the countries that have started data gathering. We have already received the first 200 data points. The final deadline for the data collection is December 2013, so hurry up if you want to be part of this challenging experience! We are still looking for data gatherers

It's Not Too Late to Get Involved in the Research

Even though the gathering of data for GMRG V is under way, there is still time get involved in the research of the group. Obviously a good way to get started is to join us at the meeting and participate in the activities. Even if you haven't been involved before, accessing the experience that will be there can greatly facilitate getting started. You

Keep the Publications List up to Date

There is a list of GMRG publications on the web site. It would be great if it was kept up to date. As a start to doing this please check the list for errors in your publications. For example is that 2009 article still "forthcoming?" Also is your list complete? Do you know of

in different countries, so if you have a chance please spread the word or contact Matteo Kalchschmidt for information regarding how to promote the data gathering project to colleagues and friends.

We know it is a difficult task to provide good data and we are committed to help data gatherers in this complex process. If you are interested in participating to the data collection please contact Matteo Kalchschmidt (matteo.kalchschmidt@unibg.it).

might even come away with a colleague and research plan for an exciting project. Clearly, you can come away with contacts that can help critique your ideas, provide technical help, and extend your network in general. So come join the fun.

other articles that that should be added? If you have changes or additions, let Chwen Sheu know at csheu@ksu.edu.

GMRG Data Gathering
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Seeking Proposals to Host the 2014 GMRG Meeting

Here is your opportunity to provide some visibility for your program, school, and community. In addition you'll be performing a service for the Global Manufacturing Research Group. If you are interested, please send a proposal to Dennis Krumwiede at: krumdenn@isu.edu. And thank you in advance.



Country Wicklow
"The Garden of Ireland"



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Loss of Founding Member Pavel Dimitrov — Clay Whybark

Last year GMRG lost a founding member and great friend, Pavel Dimitrov. Pavel was from Bulgaria and, during the old days of the Soviet Bloc, had to jump through many hoops to join us as our meeting moved around the world. Getting permission to travel outside Bulgaria was the first hurdle. We arranged for very official sounding letters of invitation to help him with this step. Getting a Visa to enter some of the countries was often difficult as well. On one excursion, we met in China then moved to the PanPacific conference in South Korea. Pavel went to Japan to arrange for his visit to Capitalist South Korea after visiting Communist China from Bulgaria. Of course he was under observation in South Korea, but that is another set of stories.

Pavel worked for awhile at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) just outside Vienna Austria. It was there that he gained a deep understanding of manufacturing and the production floor. One of the reasons that the first GMRG survey focused heavily on planning and control grew out of his

IIASA experience. Pavel was familiar with a detailed survey of manufacturing machinery and associated control systems that IIASA had conducted in European manufacturing firms. This survey reached a level of detail that incorporated such items as electronic communication standards, cabling types, equipment brands and control systems used. At about the time Pavel became involved with GMRG, a group of academics (much like ours) started a global survey of manufacturing strategy. The GMRG survey made its early contributions to the field in between those two other surveys.



**Pavel Dimitrov and Jack Wacker
GMRG 2004 Meeting:
Marmaris & Istanbul, Turkey**

Pavel was significantly involved in the creation of the professional logistics association in Bulgaria. He was also active in extending the professionalization of logistics to other countries. In so doing his reputation as a scholar and a pragmatist grew in Bulgaria and elsewhere. During a trip around Bulgaria giving lectures on Material Requirements Planning (MRP) to manufacturing managers, I had the opportunity to witness his influence with these managers as they struggled trying to adapt to a free market. Pavel's academic work was also highly respected by colleagues and practitioners alike. He made a difference in their professional lives and personal accomplishments.

Similarly, we have been enriched through knowing and working with Pavel. He made important contributions to the design of the survey and collected data under difficult circumstances. His good humor and quick wit served us well in many meetings. His contribution of his little round bottle of Bulgarian brandy didn't hurt either. Pavel will be missed, but his contributions will live on.

VISION STATEMENT:

The Global Manufacturing Research Group (GMRG) is a multi-national community of researchers dedicated to the study and improvement of manufacturing supply chains world-wide. Through systematic study and research throughout the world, the GMRG aims to improve manufacturing supply chains through the development of theory and dissemination of results. By sharing ideas, results, and concepts with research colleagues and manufacturing executives around the globe, the GMRG serves to strengthen the linkage between research and practice.

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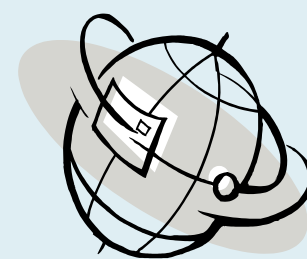
Help Get the Word Out — Member Contact

If you know of anyone that you think is not getting the GMRG information please let me know. It would be especially fitting to have as many of the persons that were involved with the GMRG in the early years attend the meeting this year, but they have to know about it first. If you know of anyone who may not be on the GMRG e-mail list, please let

me know. This is also a way to help us inform new people about the opportunity to be involved with the group. It is much better for them to be able to say “no thanks” than to be frustrated that they missed an opportunity. Just send me a note with the contact information at clay_whybark@kenan-flagler.unc.edu

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