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# The Global Gazette

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### The President's Corner — Brian Fynes

Fellow GMRGrs

I hope everyone arrived safely back home from our June meeting in Dublin and enjoyed his or her stay in Ireland. We had over thirty academics gather at both the Smurfit School UCD and The Quin School UCD for some very thought-provoking discussions and presentations by Rob Klassen and Jack Wacker. In addition, Matteo Kalschmidt provided us with an up-to-date overview of where we are in terms of data collection in the current round.

As has sometimes been the case, we dovetailed the GMRG meeting with the 20th EurOMA Conference and many GMRGrs attended both events.

A highlight was the twentieth EurOMA birthday party on Sunday, June 9th.

I would like to thank all delegates for what was a wonderful meeting in a for once sunny Dublin. I also hope you enjoyed the Social Programme and the craic.

It's a wonderful honour for me to be selected as President of this great group of researchers and I wish to acknowledge the help and direction I have received from the Executive Board.

Also, I am indebted to our immediate Past-President, Dennis Krumwiede, who served GMRG so effectively and so diligently over the last

year. We all know the challenges Dennis and his family have faced and will continue to face but they can rest assured of the support and help of all of the GMRG community at all times.

Looking forward, GMRG friends normally meet at the DSI Conference, which is being held on November 16-19 in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront (details to follow). In addition, the location of our Annual meeting for 2014 is almost finalized and we will advise you as soon venue is confirmed so watch your emails!

Best wishes  
Brian

### The Director's Corner — Clay Whybark

Wow! Brian Fynes was a marvelous host for the GMRG meeting in Dublin, Ireland this year. It is a lovely town and, yes, the beer is maybe even better than we expected. Even the weather cooperated for us. Having the EurOMA meeting kickoff on our last day made it possible for us to spend some time with other colleagues who were in Dublin for that meeting. One question we all had while there, however, was, "How was Brian able to provide us with such a great program and spend time with us while attending to his responsibilities for the EurOMA meeting?"

Several of us that have been associated with GMRG for

some time have noticed an encouraging development that has been growing recently. That is the interest in our organization on the part of our students' students and their students. (I guess that would be our scholastic grandchildren and great grandchildren.) They are showing up at our meetings and they are inquiring about our questionnaire, data and research processes. It is great to see their interest developing and the enthusiasm that they bring to our activities. Obviously, I encourage you to bring your students to the meetings and involve them in your GMRG research. And please provide me with their names and e-mail ad-

resses as well as for other people that should be on our mailing list.

We are again talking about formalizing the organization somewhat. Specifically, we are documenting the processes for nominating and electing the officers and codifying some of their traditional duties. Dennis Krumwiede is forming an ad hoc committee to put together drafts of the documents. We have made attempts at this before but Dennis has reiterated the importance getting this done. (Dennis was able to complete this assignment prior to publication. Guidelines will be forwarded with this publication.)

Brian Fynes and his support team did an outstanding job of organizing our Dublin GMRG meeting.

Thanks Brian for all you do for GMRG!

Friday -  
June 7, 2013  
Day 2

- Executive Board Meeting held at Smurfit, Blackrock
- All attendees and guests went out to a wonderful dinner consisting of Irish food and drink!

### Director's Corner continued

There are a couple of other activities that have to do with the organization as well. We are investigating the process for obtaining a 501c3 designation for GMRG. This is a non-profit organizational form in the United States that would provide some structural advantages and additional formality to the group. Finally, thanks to Damien Power, the GMRG funds are

currently back in the United States. Thank you Damien for your patience and performance.

The GMRG meeting for 2014 will be in Toronto, Canada, timed to connect with the POMS meeting May 8-12, in Atlanta Georgia. Brian Fynes and David Johnston are working out the details. Toronto is an exciting city and you can

plan to see Niagara Falls on your way to or from the meeting.

Let me again express the hope that we all have for continued progress for Dennis Krumwiede's son who was wounded in Afghanistan. Additional details are found in this volume. Dennis, you and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

### Dublin Meeting Review

#### Day 1 - Welcome Dinner at The Irish House Party



### Global Manufacturing Research Group—Panoramic Picture Hard at work in Dublin—June 2013 Part I



**A little Irish music and dance education enjoyed by all!**



Day 1 - continued

Our evening finished with a great demonstration of historical Irish music and dance

**Day 2 - Smurfit, Blackrock  
Dennis Krumwiede - Starting us off on the right note!**

Saturday -  
June 8, 2013  
Day 2



Conference attendees enjoyed Clay Whybark's kick off speech.

**Global Manufacturing Research Group—Panoramic Picture  
Hard at work in Dublin—June 2013 Part II**



During Day 2 -

- Small groups formed based on areas of interest.
- Engaging and informative conversations took place regarding future research questions, research methodologies and publication ideas.
- An overview of GMRG V data collection efforts was provided. Which led to discussion surrounding GMRG members experiences regarding data collection.

**Small Group Breakout Sessions at Quinn, Belfield**



Pictured at Left: (left to right) Susana Pereira (Brazil), Shinichi Ishii (Japan), Gerald Reiner (Switzerland), Clay Whybark (USA), Ike Ehie (Nigeria), Attila Chikan (Hungary)

Pictured at Right: (left to right) Danuta Kisperska-Moron (Poland), Bongsug (Kevin) Chae (USA), Damien Power (Australia), Teresa Betts (USA), Jasna Prester (Croatia), Matteo Kalchschmidt (Italy), and Artur Swierczek (Poland)



Thanks so much to two of our favorite organizers: George Onofrei and Brian Fynes

**Global Manufacturing Research Group Day 2 Conference Attendees:  
30 conference attendees with ties to at least 13 different countries**



## Fellowship continued at the EUROMA Conference



And, representing the Irish flag, Ike Eihe (USA), Yoon Hee Kim (Canada), Prakash Singh (Australia) and Teresa Betts (USA)

## Executive Board Guidelines

Attached to this e-mail!

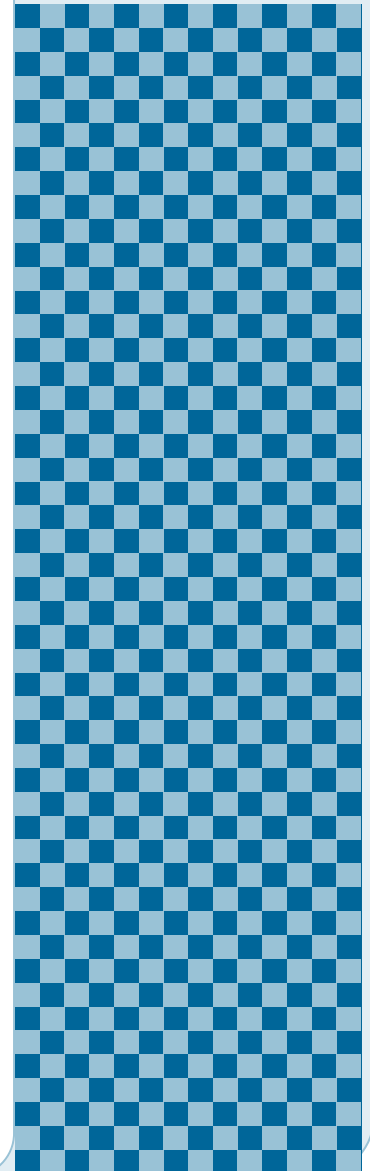
Includes position descriptions, responsibilities, and selection process.

Jasna Prester (Croatia) and Attila Chikan (Hungary) discuss the serious issues!



Damien Power (Australia), DaeSoo Kim (South Korea), Matteo Kalchschmidt (Italy) and Patrick Jonsson (Sweden)

Torsten Doering (USA) and Neva Whybark (USA) having a friendly chat





**Linda Sprague**

**(1938 – 2013)**

## Remembering Linda Sprague

Linda Sprague died on September 9, 2013. She was an important contributor to the international operations management community for 40 years. Among her many activities, Linda was active with GMRG. She gathered data in New Hampshire and wrote an exemplary report for the companies that contributed data. She also wrote our mission statement and hosted a GMRG

meeting at Cranfield University in England and again in Shanghai at CEIBS (having had to cancel a previous attempt because of SARS). For many of us, Linda is also known for her entertaining "war stories" while drinking white wine around the table at hotels all over the world. Linda once explained that her use of overhead transparencies was simply an application of her

"acoustic" powerpoint capability. She proudly claimed that she and her husband oversaw the demise of their fields (Operations Management and Information Technology) while they were teaching at Stanford. A productive professional, delightful colleague, generous friend, entertaining story teller and creative contributor, Linda Sprague made a difference. She will be missed.



**DSI-  
Baltimore,  
Maryland  
November 16-19**

## GMRG Dinner at DSI November 17, 2013

There will be a no-host dinner at the DSI meeting in Baltimore on Sunday evening November 17,

2013. We'll gather in the lobby of the conference hotel near the check-in counter at 7:00. The

dinner is at 7:30 at Dalesio's, 829 Eastern Ave., a couple of blocks from the hotel.

Dennis and Pam Krumwiede were kind enough to share the following pictures and descriptions of their son Matt as he continues his recovery. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Krumwiede family.



Matt with Blake from Trinity Oaks as he takes his first time out on his legs other than rehab!!

Matt with Larry Weishuhn, aka Mr. Whitetail.



# GMRG Meeting 2014 Toronto, Canada



Toronto,  
Canada  
Skyline

Details will be coming in the near future!

Plans are being finalized for our 2014 GMRG Meeting. POMS will be meeting in Atlanta, Georgia from May 8—12, 2014. Current plans are to hold our GMRG Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

Additional information will be distributed via e-mail and in the Spring 2014 Global Gazette.



## Did you know?

- One quarter of Canada's population lives within a 160 km radius of Toronto
- Toronto is Canada's largest retail market
- Over half of Toronto's labor force has a university degree or college diploma
- The Toronto Islands, just a short ferry ride away from downtown Toronto, comprise the largest urban car-free community in North America.
- Toronto has 301 days of measurable sunshine.
- About 25% of films produced in Hollywood are actually filmed in Toronto, making it North America's 3rd largest TV and movie production venue.



The maple leaf has served as a symbol celebrating the nature and environment of what is now Canada since the 18th century.

Over 30% of Toronto residents speak a language other than English and French. There are 100 plus languages spoken throughout the city of Toronto.

## 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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## GMRG V Data Gathering Update

Dear all,

Time is running out for data collection! But results are coming in fast. As of today we have collected 239 data points on the Core Section from Croatia (Jasna Prester), India (Milé Terziovski), Australia (Damien Power) and Nigeria (Ike Ehie). We have collection

processes going on also in China, Taiwan, Mexico, United States, Belgium, Australia, Hungary, Ireland, United Kingdom, Poland, Switzerland, South Korea, The Netherlands. We have also other countries in the process of starting data collection. The data collection is aiming at almost 1.000 data points on

the Core module, 750 on the SCM module, 700 on Innovation and Sustainability ones and 600 on the Culture one. We will revise all collected data for quality assessment and share the dataset in the first months of 2014. Looking forward to catch up with you soon!



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