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***Roundtable discussion of
current
Supply Chain Management Topics***

**October 2023
ISM-Wichita**

Monday, October 23, 2023

Roundtable Discussion starts at 7:05 pm



This month will feature a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics impacting supply chains.

The list of topics can be found on page 5 and they include such topics as: **Artificial Intelligence, Risk Management, SCaaS, Cybersecurity, and others.**

Please come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas on these topics.

The meeting will be held at the new business building at Wichita State University, in the Main Campus, Woolsey Hall, Room 226.
Please find link to map on page 5.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, October 23rd at WSU Woolsey Hall.

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President's Message

Hello ISM Wichita Chapter Members,

Don't miss out, make your plan to attend the biannual the upcoming Wichita Industrial Trade Show (**WITS**) which will be held at [Century II Expo Hall 225 W. Douglas, Wichita KS.](#) October 17, 18, and 19.

Since 1974, WITS Wichita Industrial Trade Show has become a significant marketplace in the heartland of Mid-America for buyers, manufacturing sources, industrial material, machinery, and equipment. The show offers a dual opportunity for exhibitors from all sectors of our industrial community to present their products and services and for professionals of all levels to view the exhibits and talk to the factory experts. A wide segment of industries will be represented that include forming, welding, deburring, finance, inspection, software, industrial supply, tools, forklifts, and job shops. At the Wichita Industrial Trade Show, one can view the latest trends and innovation in tools and technology. Join in on collaboration, networking, and training via [Seminars](#).

This is a biannual show for ISM Wichita, which helps fund our scholarship program and events. We need your help with registration and door attendants, 2–4-hour slots available.

Please [sign up here](#) or [email](#) me to select date and time preferred. I am looking forward to seeing you at the show.



Are you intrigued, excited or hesitant about artificial intelligence (AI)? There is a great article in this week's ISM Member Monday. **Titled: "Speeding Up to Keep Pace."**

This article provides an overview of several risk areas as well as common-sense guidelines relating to generative artificial intelligence (AI). Learn more about how generative AI can help procurement, cybersecurity risks associated with generative AI, sensitive intellectual property (IP) or private information risks, and more. It's a good read with many thought provoking points.

Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully,

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Mission Statement of ISM-Wichita:

The primary objective of ISM-Wichita is to develop the professional qualities of its members: attitudes, skills, and knowledge in the field of purchasing and supply management.

Ruqia Ariba

SASCM President

Ruqia Ariba is currently a graduate student at Wichita State University and serves as the **President for the Student Association for Supply Chain Management, SASCM**. Earlier, she worked as a Senior SAP Consultant and decided to take the plunge to pursue her Master's in Supply Chain Management.



So far, she's been loving the wide arena of courses here at Wichita State. Having been in the field of supply chain for 6 years, she constantly explores various disciplines to broaden her horizon. Her specialization entails around SAP Materials Management, SAP Ariba, and SAP Master Data Management.

She is currently looking forward to exploring business acumen planning along with SAP IBP, to understand and drive the complete end-to-end supply chain strategy and key metrics of business.

She begins projects by thoroughly researching and then developing ideas through creative thinking. She is active in the WSU student community and volunteers regularly at her mosque. ***She seeks to help and advocate for her classmates and further their professional development too!***

Attention Students

Please see the City of Wichita, KS Purchasing Internship. Post live through 10/22/23

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/wichita/jobs/4225462/purchasing-intern?page=6&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Supply Chain Topics for Discussion

This month's meeting will tackle several pressing topics and trends in Supply Chain Management (SCM).

Subjects to be discussed include the following:

Artificial Intelligence

What are the benefits and/or dangers in utilizing AI in SCM?

Internet of Things

How will this network of physical objects, digitally connected, improve SCM?

Risk Management / Cybersecurity

Are there new threats on the horizon? What else can be done to minimize, mitigate or eliminate risks? How are cyber threats evolving? Are there best practices to consider?

Supply Chain as a Service (SCaaS)

The concept of Supply Chain as a Service (SCaaS) is also gaining traction in the industry. The idea is to outsource supply chain operations to an external provider, who will manage the entire process from procurement to delivery. This enables organizations to focus on their core competencies and reduce their overhead costs. Is this a viable service offering?

Digital Supply Chain Twins

Digital supply chain twins faithfully recreate an entire supply chain and its processes in an easily accessible, digital environment. Real-time information gathered from IoT (Internet of Things) devices can give decision-makers a crystal clear picture of everything from customer orders to individual items moving through the chain. What do you think of this application which is currently being used in various industries?

Link to WSU map below:

<https://map.concept3d.com/?id=1128#!ct/49926,45962,30623,30622,26035?m/528387>

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Calendar of Events

November 2023 - To Be Announced