



Do You Want to Boost Your Doctoral Study?

Then follow our doctoral workshop. The IFPR Doctoral Workshop is aimed at those students that have started with their doctoral study but want to strengthen their research at any stage of their doctoral project. During this workshop, the board members of this foundation will give you insight to set up your own research methods, to develop research plans, to interaction with your supervisor and other stakeholders, and to disseminate the results of your study (incl. preparing for your viva). And, it is a great way to get in touch with other doctoral students, like you, and more experienced academics that have developed already research profiles. Those that have followed our doctoral training programme will get prioritised for entry in our IFPR Early Career Researchers Programme.

IFPR Doctoral Workshop

The three-day workshop covers a wide range of topics that are relevant to doctoral students; these topics not only deal with the actual research but also the skills for communicating about your project. The research methods in the workshop are specific for operations management, operations research, industrial engineering and production technology (incl. information systems). And, the academics delivering these use up-to-date information from their expertise to deliver these sessions:

- Developing Research Objectives
- [Systematic] Literature Reviews
- Developing Research Methods
- Presentation Skills/Debating
- Relationship with Your Supervisor
- Discussion of Research Projects
- Interpreting Results of Research Projects
- Writing a Thesis
- Viva Preparations
- Writing for Journal Publications
- Academic Job Search

Mainly board members of the International Foundation for Production Research will deliver the sessions of the workshop. In addition, your research proposal will be discussed, providing valuable feedback. Finally, there will be a session 'Meet the Board'; during that session, you will have a chance to meet board members and discuss your research project further in an informal way.

When the doctoral workshop takes place during the international conference every two years, there will be an additional session called the 'Bi-Annual Inspiring Lecture'. This session is delivered by one of the board members and only accessible for board members and participants from both the IFPR Early Career Researchers Programme and the IFPR Doctoral Workshop.

How To Apply?

You will be eligible for participating in this programme if you are undertaking a doctoral study within the scope of the International Foundation for Production Research. If you fulfil this condition, you may send an application to the Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Committee; the application should contain three documents:

- A certified copy of your registration for a doctoral degree (incl. year of first registration and mode [FT/PT]); might you have a different mode of registration but still be considered to a doctoral students, you will need to submit an official document that clarifies your status.
- One letter of reference from your supervisor.
- A letter of motivation.

The Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Committee will select max. 30 participants that will take part in each delivery of our doctoral training programme. You will receive a notification of receipt of your application and separately a message about the selection for participation.

For attending this workshop when taking place in advance and during the bi-annual conference and regional conferences, you need to register for the conference, too; please contact the local organisers for completing your registration. Please note that when you have completed one of the doctoral workshops, you will receive a certificate and your attendance will be registered at our web-site.

What Do You Have to Prepare?

- Once we have acknowledged your participation in the workshop, you need to prepare a poster about your research project (guidelines will be issued on acceptance); you will also be asked to make a brief



presentation. That proposal will be discussed during one of the sessions. Note that this poster and presentation can be the paper that you have submitted to the conference.

- You will also be asked to discuss one or two presentations from other participants; members of the board will convene these sessions. Guidelines will be issued once participation to the workshop has been acknowledged.
- A detailed schedule of presentations and discussions will be prepared in advance of the workshop. You will also receive the paper(s) to discuss well in advance.
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Note that we will only issue a certificate once you have attended all sessions of the workshop.

About the IFPR

The International Foundation for Production Research (IFPR) encourages communication among researchers of production systems and processes around the world, especially by its continuing support of the International Conference on Production Research. To that purpose, the foundation organises an international conference every two years and regional conferences in its three chapters: Africa-Europe-the Middle East, Americas and Asia-Pacific. Moreover, two leading journals are connected to the foundation: the International Journal of Production Economics and the International Journal of Production Research. More information can be found at our web-site: <http://www.ifpr-icpr.net/>.

Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Programme Committee

The Doctoral Training and Early Career Researchers Committee consists of Prof Bopaya Bidanda (University of Pittsburgh, USA), Dr Rob Dekkers (University of Glasgow, UK), Prof Huang Chin-Yin (Tunghai University, Taiwan) and Prof Veli-Matti Virolainen (Lappeenranta University of Technology, Finland).

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