



# SCAIEM

Scandinavian Academy of Industrial  
Engineering and Management

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## Newsletter



Dear IEM Colleagues;

The *Scandinavian Academy of Industrial Engineering and Management (SCAIEM)* has today established itself as a significant body within the academic community. The mission of SCAIEM is to strengthen our professional community and identity as management scholars within the engineering faculty. Constituting one of the largest and most significant fields of engineering education and research, SCAIEM gathers today 25 higher educational institutions as members, representing more than 600 management scholars of the Nordic region.

Our most important event, the **SCAIEM Conference 2018**, is coming up soon. This year it is organized by the Industrial Engineering and Management department at the **University of Oulu, November 26-28**. Do not miss this great opportunity to strengthen your professional network and learn about the recent academic development in our field. There are usually 100-150 scholars attending the conference, which has established itself as an important element of the academic year. Next year, 2019, it will be at KTH in Stockholm. Hope to see you all in Oulu (register through [www.scaiem.org](http://www.scaiem.org)).

However, there are also a number of other activities going on within the thriving SCAIEM community. Here are some of examples

- **SCAIEM PhD Thesis Award:**  
SCAIEM has established an annual award of SEK 25,000: - for an PhD Thesis of outstanding quality within the field of Industrial Engineering and Management and has been defended during the last academic year at one of SCAIEM member institutions. We are proud to announce the first winner at our SCAIEM 2018 conference in Oulu.
- **The SCAIEM PhD Workshop:**  
A workshop where PhD candidates present and receive thorough feedback and advice on manuscripts from senior Nordic scholars of the IEM field. A usually highly appreciated workshop, organized November 26 in Oulu, the day before the main conference.

- **ScAIEM Young Scholars Network:**  
 This two-year old initiative aims to strengthen the professional academic network among PhD students, post-docs, and other recent PhD graduates. Do not miss this opportunity to make friends with the Nordic colleagues that will follow you through your academic career. The annual Young Scholars Workshop will next time be organized at Aalto University in the Spring of 2019. However, the young scholars also gather at the ScAIEM conference in Oulu.
- **Mapping of the IEM-education in the Nordic Region:**  
 In order to get a grasp of the size and educational activities that goes on within the field of industrial engineering and management (IEM) ScAIEM has during the year conducted a study to identify all IEM-educational programs in Scandinavia: 112 IEM programs offered by 37 universities were identified. The findings constitute good basis for more profound discussions about content and future directions of our field. The study will be presented in detail at ScAIEM 2018.
- **The ScAIEM Summit of Department Heads:**  
 The annual summit meeting, where the heads of department of our institutional members share notes and discuss common issues concerning, for instance, department strategies, academic development, and the future direction of ScAIEM. The Summit is organized by Professor Harri Haapsalo, Head of the IEM department at University Oulu, where it also will be held on November 26, the day before the main conference,
- **The ScAIEM Program Directors Council:**  
 The annual meeting where the directors of the IEM-educational programs meet and discuss common issues concerning educational rigor and relevance, quality, and the strategic profile of IEM curricula in relation to other educations. This year's Council assemblies in Oulu on November 26, the day before the main conference, and is hosted by Dr. Jukka Majava, IEM Degree Program Director at Oulu University.
- **ScAIEM homepage ([www.scaiem.se](http://www.scaiem.se)):**  
 ScAIEM has an active homepage where PhD courses and academic positions other important information concerning our field and members is announced.

As you can see; there is a lot going on. ScAIEM has fantastic potential! Hope you to see you all in Oulu within a couple of weeks!

Mats Engwall, Professor  
 Chairman of ScAIEM

Read more at: [www.scaiem.org](http://www.scaiem.org)