

## SWDSI 2009 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Oklahoma City and the **2009 Southwest Decision Sciences Institute Annual Conference**. First and foremost I want to thank the efforts of our Program Chair Kai Koong who took on the position in September '08 due to the previous Chair's resignation. Kai truly salvaged out meeting this year and did a remarkable job. We have 128 paper presentations scheduled in addition to some excellent special sessions.

I want to highlight some of the events you might want to attend:

**Two sessions of a new Business Intelligence Workshop by Microsoft specialist, Dr. Bradley Jensen:** Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Three Special Sessions for the Student and New Faculty Mini-Consortium:** 10:30 a.m. through 5 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2009.

**Special Panel on Challenges in the Decision Sciences:** 8:30 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, 2009.

**FBD Coffee breaks at the Exhibitors' Hall** Thursday and Friday at 10:00-10:30 a.m. and 3:00-3:30 p.m., prizes will be awarded including: 2 free FBD registration for 2 years, 2 nights of hotel for next year, and 4 IPODs!

Furthermore, don't forget our **SWDSI 2009 Business Meeting**, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2009 and directly following the business meeting the **SWDSI Social Networking Reception** 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Finally, in addition to our Program Chair I want to thank all our SWDSI Officers and Track Chairs for their efforts in supporting and developing our 2009 program. I also want to recognize the contributions of our committee chairs and members for their work this past year in doing the business of our organization.

If you also have a desire to get involved in SWDSI please don't hesitate to come to our business meeting our contact me directly, [bdaily@nmsu.edu](mailto:bdaily@nmsu.edu). We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers and future leaders!

Have a great visit in OK City!!

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