

NEWSLETTER (July 2026)

AAOM NEW ELECTION RESULTS

After AAOM members completed the election process in May 2026, the following candidates will serve for a two-year term (June 2026–June 2028).

Executive Team Officers:

- Immediate Past President: Jane Lu (City University of Hong Kong, China)
- President: Mike Peng (University of Texas at Dallas, USA)
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- Weilei (Stone) Shi (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)
- Amy Tian (Curtin University, Australia)
- En Xie (Tongji University, China)
- Sachiko Yamao (Keio University, Japan)

Congratulations to all the successful candidates! We also want to thank the outgoing Vice President (Secretary) Chinmay Pattnaik and the outgoing

Representatives Ho Kwong (Michael) Kwan, Hsi-An Shih, Riki Takeuchi, and Xiaohua Yang for their outstanding contributions to AAOM!

The 14th AAOM Main Conference INNOVATION, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, AND THE FUTURE OF MANAGEMENT June 16–20, 2026, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Led by Program Co-Chairs Sanjay Singh (University of Dundee) and Burkhard Schrage (RMIT University Vietnam), RMIT University Vietnam successfully hosted this conference, which was held jointly with the 2026 Taiwan Academy of Management (TAOM) conference.

Submissions came from 53 countries, alphabetically ranging from Australia (RMIT's home country) to Vietnam (host country). According to AAOM President Mike Peng's welcome remarks, "this means AAOM is beating the expanded FIFA World Cup, which, after considerable efforts, only attracted 48 countries."

More than 550 participants from over 30 countries attended the conference, breaking an attendance record in AAOM's history. A total of 388 competitive papers, 101 poster papers, and three panels were presented. Xiao-Ping Chen (University of Washington) delivered a keynote speech: "The evolution of research on Chinese *guanxi* from cronyism to anti-cronyism." Mike Peng (University of Texas at Dallas) presented a presidential address: "The ultimate corporate social responsibility." Roberto Galang (Ateneo de Manila University) and Robert McClelland (RMIT University Vietnam) shared their insights in the

deans' panel. A meet the editors panel featured editors from eight leading journals: *Academy of Management Journal*, *Applied Psychology*, *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*, *Journal of Applied Psychology*, *Journal of International Business Studies*, *Journal of World Business*, *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*, and *Personnel Psychology*.

A total of seven professional development workshops (PDWs) added richness to the conference. (1) Roberto Galang and Fuming Jiang (RMIT University Australia) chaired the Junior Faculty Consortium. (2) Markus Taussig (Rutgers University) chaired the Doctoral Student Consortium. (3) Betty Zhou (Texas A&M University) and Beth Campbell (University of Minnesota) coordinated four research methods training workshops cosponsored by the Academy of Management (AOM). (4) Peter Bamberger (Tel Aviv University) and Rick Delbridge (Cardiff University) conducted a PDW for prospective authors for AOM journals.

For conference media release, please visit:
<https://www.rmit.edu.vn/news/all-news/2026/jun/global-scholars-gather-in-vietnam-to-shape-the-future-of-management>

For conference photo gallery, please visit:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SaNb-sTNSw2lZXREFM8e3xYoLkABbF5Z>

APJM'S NEW IMPACT FACTOR

Our publisher Springer Nature recently informed us the terrific news that the most recent (2025) two-year impact factor for AAOM's official journal *Asia Pacific Journal of Management* (APJM) is 9.7, representing a significant increase from 5.8 in 2024. The five-year Impact Factor is 7.5 (up from 5.9). *APJM*'s ranking in all Management journals tracked by Clarivate is 24/426 (Q1).

Kudos to the editorial team led by Editor-in-Chief Chinmay Pattnaik (University of Sydney) and two Deputy Editors-in-Chief Siah Hwee Ang (Victoria University of Wellington) and Jintong Tang (Saint Louis University)! Congrats to all editors, reviewers, authors, and consumers of *APJM* for this achievement!

AAOM CONTRIBUTED TO THE AACSB GLOBAL RESEARCH IMPACT TASK FORCE

AAOM is the *only* regional association of management that was invited by AACSB to contribute to a high-profile Global Research Impact Task Force. Other contributing academic associations include Academy of International Business, AOM, American Marketing Association, Association for Information Systems, and Production and Operations Management Society. In May 2026, the AACSB Task Force released *A Framework for Research Impact: Insights, Pathways, and Calls to Action*. This report presents a framework for business schools and ecosystem stakeholders to better define, support, assess, and communicate research impact. AAOM Representative Subra Ananthram (Curtin University) worked shoulder-to-shoulder with leaders from other academic associations to craft the report.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Second AAOM Special Conference

June 19–23, 2027, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Hosted by Curtin University, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Call for Papers will be available in August 2026

The 15th AAOM Main Conference

June 2028, Manila, Philippines

Hosted by Ateneo de Manila University

The Third AAOM Special Conference

June 2029 (to be announced)

The 16th AAOM Main Conference

June 2030, Jeju Island, South Korea

Hosted by KASBA/KAIB/Jeju National University

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