

To: Institute for Supply Management

RE: 17th Annual IFPSM Summer School

I wanted to write to you to formally thank the Institute for Supply Management for the scholarship award that allowed me to attend the 17th Annual IFPSM Summer School on Advanced Purchasing Research this summer. Without the generous support of ISM, I would not have been able to make the trip to the Summer School and a wonderful development opportunity would have been lost.

The 17th Annual IFPSM Summer School was for me simply invaluable. During the five-day event there were nine different presentations given by distinguished professors from across Europe. Each of these presentations provided important insights into the professor's current research projects as well as deeper issues regarding the process of performing good research.

During the course of the event we were also afforded the opportunity to present our own research to the students and professors. In the course of doing so, we received excellent constructive feedback and were posed many thought provoking questions. The feedback received will be valuable not only for the specific work presented as well as provide important guidance as we begin our academic careers.

Finally, during our time together we were given the chance to meet and exchange ideas with a very internationally diverse group. The five days of the Summer School provided the opportunity for many wonderful discussions about academic work, life and family. These discussions were enlightening and serve as the basis for many fond memories.

Thank you again for the invaluable opportunity your scholarship has afforded me.

Warm Regards,

Matt McConville