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From the Academic Director's desk

10 December 2013

Welcome to the final edition of Supply Chain Link for 2013. In this edition, we share great ideas and technology implementations in supply chain related areas, and celebrate the success of Professor Tava Olsen winning a prestigious Marsden Fund grant for her research project relating to New Zealand's geographic position in global supply chains.

With the end of the year upon us, we can reflect on what we have achieved in the past 12 months. The centre has steadily grown its resources, and made solid progress in developing supply chain knowledge and enhancing academic-industry collaboration. We are particularly grateful to our advisory board for providing direction.

Throughout the year, the centre has successfully hosted a series of breakfast meetings, a supply chain conference and seminars with focused topics. These monthly events help us build and maintain the link with you, and more importantly serve as a way to disseminate world-class knowledge and practise and to develop applications in supply chain management for Australasia.

For those interested in advancing their supply chain operations, we will do our best to serve you and continue to provide a platform for co-operation, collaboration and communication between academia and industry. New Zealand needs more supply chain professionals to help the country prosper, and we would like very much to work with you toward this.

In particular, for those who are planning to progress in the supply chain area and looking for further education opportunities, you are most welcome to talk with us about our 2014 Strategic Supply Chain Management Programme. This ten-month part-time programme is tailored for managers in supply chain or closely related fields and will start in February 2014.

[Find out more about the Strategic Supply Chain Management Programme](#)

While on the topic of professional development I'd like to recommend several websites which may be of interest. Supply Chain Brain provides a weekly newsletter and whitepapers on multiple aspects of supply chain and industries. I also highly recommend taking a look at Knowledge@Wharton and INSEAD Knowledge which provide helpful newsletters on contemporary management topics, including operations and supply chain.

- [Visit the Supply Chain Brain website](#)
- [Visit the Knowledge@Wharton website](#)
- [Visit the INSEAD Knowledge website](#)

Thank you for supporting the Centre. We could not have achieved so much without your support.

We look forward to hearing from you next year.

May the upcoming months bring much time for rest, reflection and thankfulness.

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