



**2018 ANNUAL EUROPEAN DSI CONFERENCE IN VENICE AND UDINE (ITALY)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Decision Sciences for the New Global Economy**

Preparations are already underway for the 2018 EDSI conference. We are pleased to update the DSI community on this event.

***Conference Venue***

The Conference will be hosted in two extremely attractive locations: Udine and Venice (Italy). Venice is one of the best-known tourist destinations in the world. The city has an average of 18 million tourists a year thanks to its celebrated art and architecture. There are numerous attractions in Venice, such as St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Grand Canal, and the Piazza San Marco. The Lido di Venezia is also a popular



**1. VENICE – A GONDOLA QUIETLY CROSSING A CHANNEL; IN THE BACKGROUND THE RIALTO BRIDGE**

international luxury destination. Udine is a small historical town with several squares of Venetian style: from Piazza Libertà, defined as "the most beautiful Venetian square on the mainland", to Piazza Matteotti, all surrounded by porticos, and looking like an open-air lounge. On the town hill rises the castle: from its walls, you can see the whole city, the mountains all around it, whereas to the south, less than an hour's drive away, there is the

Adriatic Sea and the Ernest Hemingway's beloved town of Lignano. In particular, the main conference venue is the Palace Toppo-Wasserman in Udine. Social events will take place at historical castle of Udine. The final plenary session of the June 6<sup>th</sup> will be organized at Ca' Foscari University in Venice.



**2. THE VIEW OF THE CASTLE OF UDINE**

### Submission Dates

January 30 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Deadline for abstracts (Working papers) and Full Paper submission (Competitive papers)
March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Notification of the review process
April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Final submission

### Conference Dates

June 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2018	Doctoral consortium in Udine
June 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Conference in Udine
June 6 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Conference in Venice Venice tour and gondola experience ( <i>optional</i> )

### *Academic keynote*

#### *speaker of the Conference*

Ram Narasimhan is a University Distinguished Professor and the John H. McConnell Endowed Professor of Business (Emeritus). He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, M.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research and Ph.D in Management Science from the University of Minnesota. His current research addresses strategic sourcing, buyer-supplier relationship, and supply chain leveraged innovation. He is a *Fellow* of the Decision Sciences Institute and a *Fellow* of the Pan Pacific Business

Association.

He has held various leadership positions in professional associations including being the President of Decision Sciences Institute, Program Chair for Decision Sciences Institute and Production Operations Management Society, Chair of the APICS Institute for Computer Integrated Manufacturing and Chair of Operations Management Division of the Academy of Management. He is the recipient of the *Distinguished Service Award* from DSI, the *Distinguished Global Researcher Award* from the Pan Pacific Business Association, and the



*Distinguished Operations Management Scholar Award* from the Academy of Management. He has been a consultant and executive trainer to numerous Fortune 100 firms in strategic management, sourcing strategy, project management and process optimization. He has published over 140 articles in peer reviewed journals and is one of the most widely cited scholars in operations and supply chain

management with over 13,000 citations to date.

***Plenary session: Gucci Case Study***

Founded in Florence in 1921, Gucci is one of the world's leading luxury fashion brands, with a renowned reputation for creativity, innovation and Italian craftsmanship.

Gucci is part of the Kering Group, a world leader in apparel and accessories that owns a portfolio of powerful luxury and sport and lifestyle brands.

A Gucci operation manager will be the keynote speaker.

***Special experiences***

The standard fee includes 2 lunches, 3 dinners, 4 coffee breaks with a prizewinning handmade Italian gelato (icecream) corner, a Italian wine tasting event, an Italian liquor tasting event, a Udine guided tour, transfers from Udine to Venice on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

An optional Venice tour includes a marvelous gondola experience, the Doge's Palace visit, the city tour and a light lunch in Venice.



Further information can be found at our website:

<http://www.edsi-conference.org/>

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