

## *You're invited to the* MSIM Executive Lecture Series

The department of information systems is pleased to announce that it will host four seminars during the 2005-2006 academic year as part of their new master of science in information management (MSIM) program. These sessions will be held on Saturday mornings, and will incorporate

presentations from two industry leaders to explore issues critical to today's IT managers. Students, alumni, industry leaders and faculty are invited to attend these sessions to explore the topics and learn together how we can better compete in today's environment.

### “GLOBALIZATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY”

The inaugural seminar will focus on the impact of globalization on today's businesses, and the implications of these changes for IT managers. The range of topics that will be discussed span the organizational changes that have emerged to capitalize on the global economy through how IT can help source and manage operations around the world. This presentation will be made by Michael Bittner, senior analyst for Technology Evaluation Centers, Inc. (TEC), and Surya Kant, vice president of TATA Consultancy (TCS). Mr. Bittner has over 25 years of experience with supply chain operations and the technologies implemented to support them, and Mr. Kant is responsible for TATA's U.S. operations. They will reflect on their experiences to highlight the challenges facing today's (and tomorrow's) IT executives and share recommendations for success.



#### **MICHAEL BITTNER**

Michael Bittner is a senior analyst for Technology Evaluation Centers Inc. (TEC), a leading online technology analysis and selection firm. This position builds upon his 25 years of experience, having held various senior management positions in product development, consulting, and research. In addition to creating knowledge bases and serving as a subject matter expert in PLM and SCM research areas, he writes articles on supply chain management and product development that have been distributed to TEC's global audience. He is a member of the Council of Logistics Management (CLM), the Warehouse Education and Research Council (WERC), and the American Productivity and Inventory Council (APICS). He is also an active member of the Arizona Technology Council.



#### **SURYA KANT**

Surya Kant is vice president of TATA Consultancy (TCS). With a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in computer technology from Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi), he has over 26 years experience in the IT industry and with TCS. He joined TCS in August 1978. His responsibilities with TCS have included operations in Delhi, Japan and UK. He is currently responsible for TCS' operations in North America.

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