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**September Professional Development Meeting**

**Dr. Tim Schweizer**

Tuesday, September 9th

**An Introduction to TRIZ:**

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**2008-09 Annual PDM Schedule**

September 9th	<b>Dr. Tim Schweizer</b> An Introduction to TRIZ: Theory of Inventive Problem Solving	<b>Longbranch, Marion</b>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jeff Mohr, P.E</b> The Missing Link in Creating and Sustaining Continuous Improvement; Training within the Industry	<b>Longbranch, Marion</b>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lynn Jahn</b> Leadership and Team Building	<b>Raddisson, Iowa City</b> **note new location**
January 13th	<b>Gale Mote</b> Creative topic yet to be announced	<b>Longbranch, Marion</b>
February 10th	<b>Sign Productions</b> Plant Tour	<b>Marion, Iowa</b>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rock Island Arsenal</b> Plant Tour	<b>Rock Island, IL</b>
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TBD</b>	

**September PDM – Tim Schweizer****An Introduction to TRIZ: Theory of Inventive Problem Solving****When:** **Tuesday, September 9th**

6:00 p.m. Networking

6:15 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Chapter Business

7:30 p.m. Program

**Where:** **Longbranch Hotel & Restaurant**

90 Twix Town Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

Dr. Schweizer will provide an introduction to TRIZ, The Theory of Inventive Problem Solving. In the past decade, the use of TRIZ has exploded as organizations realized the need to adopt a structured approach to innovation and problem solving. Today TRIZ is has become the global standard for innovation. Firms such Samsung, Intel, Procter and Gamble, GE, Boeing Company, and Hewlett Packard use TRIZ to drive innovation. Common applications of TRIZ include problem solving, new product development, forecasting product evolution, intellectual property issues (breaking patents, erecting patent fences), and preventing unwanted outcomes/scenarios from occurring in the first place. Companies have found that TRIZ complements their Six Sigma and Lean initiatives.

Dr. Tim Schweizer is a frequent speaker to organizations that are exploring innovation efforts, but need guidance understanding the innovation landscape. He is the inventor of the term "Change Compression." Dr. Schweizer is a certified trainer in the Six Thinking Hats and Lateral Thinking. He is also part of the global TRIZ community and currently serves as Vice President of the Altshuller Institute for TRIZ Studies. His global network includes leading thought leaders in innovation, creativity, intelligence/counterintelligence, systems thinking, open source ecosystems, and change management. Dr. Schweizer teaches courses in Creativity and Innovation at Luther College. He has also served as a Visiting Lecturer for the Master of Arts in Creativity and Innovation at the University of Malta. He holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Arkansas. He earned his B.A. in Management from Luther College.

**Reservations due by 5 PM Thursday, September 4th**

Contact Cedar Valley APICS Director of Programs Joni Philips for reservations,

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## Fall 2008 Class & Workshop Offerings

### **APICS: Advanced Supply Chain Management CBPR-165-SLI01**

Prepares students for the APICS Certified Supply Chain Professional program. Students will learn how to boost productivity, and integrate and effectively manage worldwide supply chain activities. Prerequisite: APICS Certification or Bachelor's degree in appropriate field. Course fee includes text books and access to course Website. Fee does not include test, scheduled for December 13.

Thursdays, 6:00-9:00. 13 sessions, starting September 4th. (no class Sep 11)

Instructor: Milden

Location: 357 Benton Hall, Main Campus

Fee: \$1299.00

**Registration deadline is Friday, August 29.**

### **APICS: Execution and Control of Operations CBPR-195-SLI01**

Focuses on prioritizing and sequencing work, executing work plans and implementing controls, reporting activity results, and providing feedback on performance. The course explains techniques for scheduling and controlling production processes, the execution of quality initiatives and continuous improvement plans, and the control and handling of inventories. Course fee includes APICS exam, scheduled for December 13.

Mondays, 6:00-9:00. 10 sessions, starting September 22th. (no class Oct 13)

Instructor: Teel

Location: Room 104, KTOS Center, Marion

Fee: \$450.00

**Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 17.**

### **Distribution Inventory Management: CBPR-220-BRE-01**

Workshop discusses the objectives of distribution, activities, replenishment methods, application of lean techniques to distribution inventories, and ways to improve operational efficiency. Designed for entry and mid level distribution and warehousing personnel.

Tuesday, September 9, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Instructor: Wilson

Location: Room 133, KTOS Center, Marion

Cost: \$159.00.

**Registration deadline is Thursday, September 4.**

**Cycle Counting: CBPR-225-BRE-01**

Workshop discusses concept of cycle counting, its benefits, how to utilize control groups, and the application of continuous improvement techniques to inventory accuracy. Designed for entry and mid level inventory, distribution and warehousing personnel.

Tuesday, October 14, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Instructor: Milden

Location: Room 133, KTOS Center

Cost: \$159.00.

**Registration deadline is Thursday, October 9.**

**Physical Inventory: CBPR-230-BRE-01**

Workshop discusses physical inventory preparation, defining control criteria for auditing, how to prepare counters, and how to reconcile discrepancies and close a physical inventory. Designed for entry and mid level inventory, distribution and warehousing personnel.

Tuesday, November 11, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Instructor: Milden

Location: Room 133, KTOS Center

Cost: \$159.00.

**Registration deadline is Thursday, November 6.**

Classes at Kirkwood Community College. To register, log on to [www.kirkwood.edu/ce](http://www.kirkwood.edu/ce) or call 800-332-8833.

**APICS 2008 International Conference**

Attend APICS 2008 at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri. This year boasts a host of new educational opportunities designed to offer solutions for the hottest issues encountered every day by operations professionals around the globe.

This is the premier educational event for operations management professionals looking for cutting-edge solutions for the global supply chain, sustainable operations, forecasting, demand management, and more.

**It is not too late to register!!**

[Register for APICS 2008 today](#) to get your integrated conference packages. Not only is your educational program integrated to include workshops, case studies, and plant tours, but your plant tours are included in your registration for the first time. In addition, you'll receive a complimentary ticket to the Closing Reception with your conference registration. See you in Kansas City!

## APICS 2008 General Session Speakers

Blake Mycoskie, CEO of TOMS Shoes



**Blake Mycoskie** Retail innovator Blake Mycoskie, chief executive officer at TOMS Shoes, will discuss building a global business with an altruistic core. Blake Mycoskie redefines the idea of walking in someone else's shoes. Since he founded TOMS Shoes for Tomorrow in 2006, he has donated more than 10,000 pairs of Argentine-style alpargatas to impoverished children in developing nations, from Argentina to South Africa. [more](#)

John Replogle, CEO of Burt's Bees



**John Replogle** Your employer doesn't need to have an expressed commitment to the environment for you to begin thinking green. With the help of the APICS 2008 Sustainability/Green Learning Path and keynote speaker John Replogle, Chief Executive Officer of Burt's Bees, you will gain added insights into green manufacturing, sustainability, and one of the coolest companies out there—Burt's Bees. [more](#)

Darcy Winslow, Senior Advisor, Nike Foundation



**Darcy Winslow** Darcy Winslow, Senior Advisor for the Nike Foundation and Long-Standing Nike Executive, is focused on building a strong relationship with the female athlete/consumer through innovation, product, communication, and retail. Winslow has held many positions within the company, including biomechanical research assistant, director of footwear and apparel product testing, and product development manager. [more](#)

**\*\*\*\* District staff member Jim Milden is collecting a “basketful” of local products and marketing items to be raffled off at the APICS International Conference in Kansas City in mid-September. The proceeds from this raffle will be used to provide funds for scholarly research in operations management. Please check with your company’s marketing department to see if you can donate items for the Cedar Valley Basket. Call Jim Milden at 319-365-0471 x 293 if your company can donate products for this raffle. The last day of collection is Wednesday, September 10. \*\*\*\***

## APICS Member Resources

### APICS Dictionary

Search for definitions for more than 3,500 inventory and supply chain management terms from the *APICS Dictionary*, 11th edition. This online version of the dictionary contains terms based on the continually expanding APICS body of knowledge. Only APICS members have access to this useful online tool. Go to: <http://www.apics.org/resources/dictionary/results>

APICS members are eligible to receive one copy of the printed dictionary free of charge. [Order yours](#) today!

The *APICS Dictionary* and the *APICS Illustrated Dictionary* CD-ROM are also available for purchase through the APICS Bookstore.



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Locally, we're the Cedar Valley APICS Chapter - serving its members and the Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and surrounding business community since 1972. We're a non-profit volunteer organization, dedicated to providing leading edge learning opportunities, professional certification, networking, and access to the education resources of APICS International.

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**“Seeking Employment” advertisement** in our Cedar Valley Views newsletter—Quarter-page ad FREE to unemployed Cedar Valley APICS members. Copy due 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Contact Director of Communications Joni Philips

**APICS Career Center**—all candidates may search jobs, but only APICS members receive the added benefits of posting resumes and receiving email alerts when new positions are listed. Visit the APICS Career Center at [www.apics.org](http://www.apics.org), phone (800)444-2742, or email [jobs@apicshq.org](mailto:jobs@apicshq.org).

**Benefits Extension for Unemployed Members Program**—a six-month extension of membership benefits without cost. Contact Kirk Schroeder for more info and an application.

### **Job Postings**

A separate e-mail distribution list has been set up for job postings. If you would like to receive these postings, please contact Rick Held at [rick.held@mchsi.com](mailto:rick.held@mchsi.com) and ask to be added to the job postings list. You can have the newsletter and these job postings sent to different email addresses if you like.

If you have a Job you would like distributed to this list, also email to the above address.

Job Postings will also be available on the chapter website, [www.cedarvalleyapics.org](http://www.cedarvalleyapics.org)

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