

6TH SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 'ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY – CONTEMPORARY SOLUTIONS IN LOGISTICS AND PRODUCTION'

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1. ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 6th international scientific conference “Economy and Efficiency – contemporary solutions in logistics and production” **OIE** was held in Poznan/Prusim, Poland from 16th to 18th November 2011.

The Conference is aimed at integrating the academic circles and fostering new solutions and concepts. The OIE conference, for over 6 years have provided a forum for discussions on state-of-the-art researches and the latest trends. It aims to

bring researchers in academia, industry from various countries together to present and discuss how production and logistics are enabling companies to improve their competitive position and achieve high efficiency of their operations in the global world. The main objective of the conference is to present and exchange experience arising from research work on modern solutions applied in manufacturing, logistics and management. The conference is a forum of exchange of the results of research and works conducted by science centres. The emphasis is put on the practical aspects of logistics, manufacturing and management. The organizers intend to confront research results with actual problems faced by entrepreneurs. The results of the so-far held OIE 2011 meeting are presented in over 5 monographs. The selected papers of high quality are also published in number of the scientific journals.

The main topic of the OIE 2011 Conference shall be the "**Global supply chain, production and logistics in global networks**".

Global supply chains, international corporations, multinational integrated production consortia have become highly sophisticated and complex systems. Their degree of integration and logistical operations require new, creative solutions for improving their effectiveness. Their business functions should be integrated on the transnational level and within the entire supply chain.



Global culture and the transnational market lead to the development of world brands. It is a challenge for production companies, their suppliers and subcontractors, as well as the enterprises operating in the distribution sector.

Many enterprises have adapted to the changes on the open market. They reproduce proven solutions and introduce their own organizational changes. International enterprises concentrate primarily on cost reduction, and pay less attention to constructing a long-term strategy. However, global business solutions resulted in the loss of control over flows within the supply chain and, consequently, added to the risk of operational and/or financial risks. It means that the international supply chains

should be analyzed thoroughly so as to ensure that they are competitive at the global level.



In the OIE 2011 participated about 95 participants from 13 countries: Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Nigeria, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and Poland.

2. OIE 2012

7th international scientific conference 'Economy and Efficiency – contemporary solutions in logistics and production' organised by the Faculty of Engineering Management, Poznan University of Technology will be held on 14-16 November 2012. The main topics will be **Theories, Methodologies, Technologies and Applications**. It will cover four key areas: the supply chain, logistics, production and resource management in logistics and production. The organizers wish that the next OIE conference will encourage the authors to present state-of-the art studies on theories, methods and methodologies known and appreciated, as well as to be the inspiration for the description of the new not yet presented concepts and solutions. The conference will also provide the exchanges of views on practical, applicable, and modern technologies, as well as available and developing commercial applications used in those areas.