2012 AoM Meeting: MCD’s Professional Development Workshop Program

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This year's workshops were selected to maximize audience interaction and showcase a variety of formats and topics, some of which were quite controversial. We were very pleased with the overall attendance and quality of the workshops presented. With presenters from across the globe and internationally focused events – for example, "Consulting in the Middle East: Recent Experiences and Alternative Models" – we had a good international mix. One highlight was the session on “Ethics in Management Consulting: Theoretical and Practical Implications.” It was a great example of active audience participation, challenging discussions, and the blending of perspectives from different parts of the globe. Other highlights included an exploration of self as instrument, workshops on coaching, using SEAM and AI to explore informal economies, balancing MC practice and academic standards, innovation, human trafficking awareness, and other hot topics. The Division also co-sponsored the “That Was Great!” workshop for the 8th year, showcasing experiential exercises for teaching organizational change.

The MC Doctoral consortium was also a huge success, with over 28 students receiving personalized help and advice from 37 seasoned scholars. The consortium serves as an example of the MC Division's efforts to welcome and mentor those new to the field. This was a great networking tool for new members and students as participants could interact with individuals with expertise in their fields of interest. Many other events were cosponsored with other divisions, encouraging cross-pollination among the divisions. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Academy and MC Division leadership for their support in putting on this year's workshops. We also wish to thank the members of the academy who attended the PDWs and contributed their experience and insights to these scholar-practitioner exchanges.

On behalf of the Division we’d also like to encourage you to think creatively about potential PDWs for our 2013 meeting in Orlando.