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### **Dr. Matthias Ehrgott Named Winner of CSCMP's 2010 Doctoral Dissertation Award**

**Lombard, Illinois USA (August 16, 2010)**—Dr. Matthias Ehrgott, assistant professor of international business and supply management at WHU—Otto Beisheim School of Management, will receive the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals' (CSCMP) 2010 Doctoral Dissertation Award for his research entitled, *Social and Environmental Sustainability in Supplier Management—A Stakeholder Theory Perspective on Antecedents and Outcomes*.

“Dr. Ehrgott's research addresses the need for companies to manage environmental and social issues along their entire supply chains due to global supply markets spreading to emerging economies,” said Kathleen Hedland, CSCMP's director of education and research. “The study identifies purchasing middle managers as the most influential force in sustainability efforts in both supplier selection and development. It also reveals that high social and environmental standards in the supplier selection phase can be attributed to superior supplier performance, positive reputational effects for the buying firm, and organizational learning in the supply function. The results of his study represent a significant contribution to supply chain research, and will have profound implications for management practice.”

Before receiving his doctorate, Dr. Ehrgott studied business administration at WHU—Otto Beisheim School of Management, Reims Management School, and Stockholm School of Economics. He earned his doctoral degree summa cum laude at WHU in the school's department of international business and supply management.

His industry experience includes a management consultant position at Bain & Company Germany, Inc., where he worked on international purchasing and restructuring strategy projects. Dr. Ehrgott is the author and coauthor of several academic case studies on purchasing and internationalization strategies, and currently serves as a reviewer for the *Journal of Supply Chain Management*.

CSCMP's Doctoral Dissertation Award is presented annually to an author of a submitted doctoral dissertation in a logistics- or supply chain-related field. The selected work must demonstrate significant originality and technical competence while contributing to the logistics-supply chain knowledge base. Its objective is the encouragement of research leading to advancement of the theory and practice of logistics and supply chain management related areas.

Founded in 1963, the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals is the leading worldwide professional association dedicated to education, research, and the advancement of the supply chain management profession. With over 9,000 members globally, representing business, government, and academia from 63 countries, CSCMP members are the leading practitioners and authorities in the fields of logistics and supply chain management.

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