We have a really exciting set of PDW offerings this year at OMT after a record number of submissions! The program represents our continuing effort to offer multiple ways for our members to meet and engage with each other in Vancouver, making OMT the place to be!

In addition to our usual wide variety of high-quality topical workshops, we have some exciting new offerings this year including:

The OMT Cafe (Friday and Saturday at various times throughout the day) series are topically themed discussions in popular local cafes where folks can come together to meet others with similar interests in a casual self-hosted cafe setting. The topics include:

- Family Business and Entrepreneurship in Organizational Theory
- Managing Internal On-line Networks and External Social Media Presence
- Governance at the Nexus of Organizations and Markets
- Market Construction and Entrepreneurship From an Institutional Theory Perspective
- Categories & Authenticity in Organizational Theory
- Collective Meaning - Work in Form Emergence
- Dynamic Views of Corporate Reputation
- Governance Structures and Power in Knowledge-Intensive Work
- "Big Data" Research With MINIMAL Programming Background
- Innovation in Cultural Industries and Organizations
- The Organization of Work - Flexibility and Alternative Work Arrangements

When planning your pre-conference program, you can search for "OMT Cafe" in the program to find the cafes and times of your choosing. No pre-registration is required - just come to the cafe and meet up with other members who share your interests.
The inaugural **OMT New and Returning Member Networking and Research Forum** (Friday 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm) was created especially to help members to feel “at home” in the OMT division. We designed the forum so that you can meet leading scholars in the OMT division, meet other new members of the division, and discuss research with other scholars who share similar interests. The forum includes a welcome and overview of the OMT Division and research discussions moderated by renowned scholars who actively conduct research in a particular area of interest. As a participant in the forum, you can self-select into several research themes of your choice. Research themes will be organized by theory, context and methodology.

OMT Bike is a series of organized bike rides to enjoy the Vancouver outdoors together while meeting other academy members. There will be two rides this year:

- **Stanley Park** (Friday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm): A leisurely bike ride around Stanley Park. This social activity is a great opportunity to meet and network with other OMT division and Academy members while exploring the seawall around the park and enjoying scenic views of Burrard Inlet, the Lions Gate Bridge, North Shore Mountains and English Bay. This 2.5 hour outing includes an hour of cycling and a stop for coffee, pastry (or ice cream) and interesting conversation at the Prospect Point Coffee Company.

- **Granville Island** (Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm): A leisurely bike ride to Granville Island Market. This social activity is a great opportunity to meet and network with other OMT and Academy members while exploring the seawall around False Creek to Granville Island where there are many scenic city and water views to enjoy along the ride. This 3.5 hour seawall outing includes 1.5 hours of cycling along a paved bike trail as well as a stop at Vancouver’s famous Granville Island Market where you can explore the various food stalls and grab a bite (or two) to eat.

For both OMT Bike rides, please be sure to [sign up on the PDW website](#) as space is limited. Registration includes bike rental, helmet and lock.

Some major OMT events to put on your conference calendar:

- **Meet OMT** (Friday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm) to kick off the conference
- **OMT Distinguished Scholar Breakfast** (Monday 8:00 am to 9:30 am) to hear words of wisdom from our Distinguished Scholar, Martha Feldman.
- **OMT Business Meeting** (Monday 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm) to learn what OMT is up to, see what prizes were awarded, and receive your OMT Artifact.
- **OMT Social Hour** (Monday 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm) to drink, snack, and continue on the OMT fun!

And to serve our members at various career stages we have:

- **Developing New Research Projects**
- **What Should I Do About My Non-Traditional Research Setting?**
- **Tips from INFORMS Dissertation Proposal Contest Winners & Finalist**
- **OMT Dissertation Proposal Workshop**
- **OMT Doctoral Consortium**
- **OMT Junior Faculty Consortium**
- **TeachOMT: The OMT Teaching Roundtables**

Be sure to take a look at the complete set of topical offerings from OMT this year. A sampling include:

- **Revitalizing Organization Theory**
- **Who’s Next? The Second Pecha Kucha About Social Evaluations**
- **Alternative Economic Futures: Creating An Ecosystem for Alternative Organizations**
- **Big Tent, Little Ideas and the New, New Directions of Behavioral Theory of the Firm**
- **Research**
  - **Cultural Entrepreneurship in Action: Innovative Methods and Research Designs**
  - **Trust Between Individuals and Organizations**
  - **OMT Networks: Introduction to Social Network Analysis**
  - **OMT Networks: Teaching Social Networks**
  - **OMT Networks: Advanced Networks PDW - Cutting-Edge Social Network Theoretical Work and ERGM Workshop**

Come join us at one or all (just be sure to pre-register for those sessions which require it for logistical reasons) - even if you are not yet a member of OMT - all are welcome! We look forward to welcoming you to OMT, the place to be, in Vancouver!