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From the Top Highlights:

- The Pikes Peak Chapter will not have a professional development meeting in December. The Board of Directors wishes you a joyous holiday season.
- Register now for an informative tour of SYNTHES on January 10, 2006. This is a great opportunity to tour a local company and also see a world class organization.
- New CPIM classes are coming soon! See page 2 for details.
- A CSCP study group is now forming. This class is a one-time opportunity to obtain your CSCP at a reduced price. More information can be found on pages 2 and 3.

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Plant Tour SYNTHES



SYNTHES is a global leader in the orthopedic trauma market. Its name comes from the Swiss word "Osteosynthesis" or, literally, the joining together of bones. SYNTHES develops, manufactures and markets the materials used by surgeons to repair genetic abnormalities or fractures caused by external trauma. In addition to the assortment of screws, plates, nails & biomedical materials, SYNTHES also offers the tools necessary to perform these skeletal surgeries.

Closer to home, it houses both a manufacturing plant and a logistics facility in Monument, CO. The logistics facility is state-of-the-art utilizing DSI RF systems, vertical storage units, advanced warehousing technology, cutting-edge supply chain techniques & is considered the 'flagship' of SYNTHES Global Logistics. All orders are processed and shipped the same day, ensuring the best possible care for trauma patients.

SYNTHES maintains "World Class" customer service. Its mission is to not only satisfy its customers' needs but to provide the safest and most advanced implants, instruments and technologies to ensure optimum surgical procedures, rapid recovery and a pain-free mobility after surgery.

Directions

Take I-25 to Exit 161. Turn left at the end of the ramp onto 2nd Street. Go west on 2nd across the railroad tracks to Mitchell. Turn left. Turn left at the first stop sign (Synthes Ave). Continue around to the last drive on the right. Turn right and follow the road around to the parking lot. The entrance is on west side of the building.

**January Plant Tour
SYNTHES Logistics**

Date: Tue, January 10, 2006
Location: SYNTHES
 1101 Synthes Ave.
 Monument, CO
Time: Presentation
 and dinner: 5:30 p.m.
 Tour: 6:15 p.m.

Call the APICS voice mail at (719) 578-1225 or email Kevin Stone at stonek@synthes.com for reservations.

**Deadline: 12:00 p.m.,
Friday, January 6, 2006**

Register soon as space is limited.

If you must cancel, please do so by the deadline or you will be billed for dinner. Substitutions accepted until dinner begins.

Dinner: Executive box meals will be catered. Sandwich choices include: Turkey, turkey wrap, roast beef, honey ham, chicken salad on croissant, cold cut sub, or vegetarian wrap. Salad choices include: Creamy potato, fruit salad, bowtie pasta, or dinner salad with dressing. Chips, a drink, and dessert are also included.

Cost: \$10.00 for members, non-members and students

President's Corner

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Chapter of APICS, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and friends a very happy holiday season, and all the best in the New Year. Soon it will be time to make those new year's resolutions, and I would like to make a few suggestions. Rather than the usual "lose weight and exercise more," how about these:

- Resolve to get certified – CPIM or the new CSCP.
- If you have taken or are currently taking CPIM certification review classes, resolve to take the tests. I know of several people who have diligently attended classes but for a host of reasons haven't tested.

- Resolve to get more involved in the chapter activities – attend the professional development meetings, join the board, or help a board member with some aspect of board business.
My resolutions?
- Earn the Certified Supply Chain Professional designation in 2006
- Oh yes! Lose weight and exercise more!
I'm looking forward to seeing you all in 2006.



Don Simpson, CPIM

Education News

Five modules are covered in the Certified in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) certification. To learn more about each module, visit the APICS Pikes Peak chapter web site at www.apicspikespeak.org. Upcoming CPIM classes will be:

Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM): The next course is planned to start the week of January 23, 2006. This will be presented at 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at a location to be determined based on the students' needs. The registration deadline for BSCM is January 13, 2006, but you don't have to wait until then – register anytime. When you register, please let me know if your company would be willing to host the class.

Execution and Control of Operations (ECO): This will be presented at Entegris on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. starting January 11, 2006. With breaks for various holidays, the course will run through March 29, 2006. Please register for this course no later than December 15, 2005.

CPIM review courses at the Pikes Peak Chapter cost \$330 for APICS members or \$380 for non-members. We have a special offer for non-members, in which you can purchase a CPIM review course plus a one-year membership (\$145 value) for the combined price of \$445. CPIM courses require a minimum of five students.

To register for any of these courses, contact Mike Heath at (719) 668-8035 or via email at mheath@csu.org, and mail your payment to APICS Pikes Peak Chapter, PO Box 486, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Payment may be by check, money order, or approved company purchase order. Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards yet.

CSCP Study Group

APICS introduced the Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) program at the International Conference in October. A description of the program can be found on page 3. To help kick off this new credential we are offering an introductory study group, which will start in January. This will be a one-time opportunity to obtain your CSCP designation at a reduced price. In addition, you will have an opportunity to participate in the pilot of the certification exam at a reduced price.

The study group will meet at a time and place that is agreeable to the participants (your suggestions for time and place are welcome). We anticipate that three of our best CPIM instructors will be participating in the study group with you.

We will need to order the materials for the CSCP study group before December 31, therefore we need your registration for the study group no later than Thursday, December 15 (because I will be out of town after that date). APICS will not extend credit to chapters ordering this material: We must send payment with the order. Therefore, we must have your payment by December 15. To register, contact Mike Heath. My contact information is listed in the previous column of this page.

Testing for the CSCP consists of a single four-hour exam with 175 multiple-choice questions. The pilot exam will be a pencil and paper test. It is scheduled for March 11, 2006, at a location in the Denver area. The cost of the pilot exam is \$350 (members and non-members); subsequent exams will cost \$550 for members or \$700 for non-members.

There are some prerequisites. To be eligible to sit for the CSCP exam, a candidate must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent, plus two years of related business experience, or
- CPIM, CFPIM, CIRM, or C.P.M. designation plus two years of related business experience, or
- Five years of related business experience.

Following the initial study group, the Pikes Peak Chapter will offer instructor-led CSCP review courses, subject to a minimum class size. Because of the cost of materials and the length of the course (40 hours of instruction), we anticipate cost in the range of \$800 to \$1000.

This is an excellent opportunity to advance your career and save some money. We will never again be able to offer these introductory prices for the CSCP study materials, and APICS will not repeat the special pricing for the pilot exam.



Mike Heath, CFPIM

Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP)

This new program was launched at the 2005 APICS International Conference and Exposition, October 16-18 in Kansas City, Missouri. The CSCP program takes a broad view of the field, extending beyond internal operations to encompass all the steps throughout the supply chain—from the supplier, through the company, to the end consumer. It will provide professionals with the knowledge and understanding to manage the integration and coordination of activities within today's complex supply chains.

Benefits of CSCP

By earning your CSCP designation, you will

- Learn to boost productivity, collaboration, and innovation
- Discover how to positively affect lead times, inventory, productivity, and bottom-line profitability
- Understand how to manage the integration and coordination of activities to achieve reduced costs and increase efficiencies and customer service
- Gain the knowledge to effectively and efficiently manage worldwide supply chain activities
- Achieve greater confidence and peer and industry recognition
- Enjoy the potential for career advancement and increased earnings.

The CSCP Learning System

Based on the CSCP body of knowledge, the CSCP Learning System is a comprehensive professional development and CSCP exam preparation program. The learning system is organized into the following four modules:

Module 1 Supply Chain Management Fundamentals

- Understand how successful supply chain management adds value to an organization
- Learn how to develop a supply chain strategy that aligns with corporate strategy

Module 2 Building Competitive Operations Planning and Logistics

- Understand natural dynamics within the supply chain to optimize performance and profitability
- Evaluate the process constraints and choices within global logistics to establish a plan linked to overall strategy

Module 3 Managing Customer and Supplier Relationships

- Effectively use customer data to improve service performance and increase value to suppliers and customers
- Understand the strategic importance of purchasing and supplier relationships

Module 4 Using Information Technology to Enable Supply Chain Management

- Understand the innovative technologies enabling collaborative commerce and global visibility
- Apply technology to enhance performance of distribu-

tion, reverse logistics, and global supply chain communications

CSCP Learning System Components

The learning system combines print materials with interactive online tools to deliver a customized learning experience. The comprehensive, easy-to-use course is self-directed, but it can be combined with curriculum delivered through live instruction for those who prefer a classroom approach to learning. The instructor-led option will be available beginning in the second quarter of 2006 through the APICS Pikes Peak Chapter.

Print Material: Four easy-to-understand modules, each with its own text, comprised of more than 800 pages of content covering the entire CSCP body of knowledge. Progress check questions at the end of each section to assess your understanding of the concepts.

Online Tools: Interactive tools include a practice test bank of more than 600 multiple-choice questions; a pre-test to determine your initial strengths and weaknesses and help you create a customized study plan based on your individual needs; timed module-specific tests with immediate feedback, answer rationales, and reference to the relevant sections in the text so you can review problem areas; a timed post-test to determine your progress toward preparing for the exam; an online progress report revealing what you've completed to date and how well you scored; e-flashcards to test your knowledge of relevant terms and definitions; and an online glossary for quick reference to terms.

CSCP Examination

To earn the CSCP designation, an individual must pass one, four-hour comprehensive exam. The exam will consist of 175 multiple-choice questions and will be delivered via paper-and-pencil administrations beginning in 2006. The 2006 exam administrations are scheduled for March 11 (pilot exam), June 17, and December 2. There will be a test center in the Denver area for the March exam.

APICS will be unable to commit to a scoring deadline for candidates testing in March. Scores will not be released to candidates until APICS administers approximately 300 exams. This minimum exam volume must be met before APICS and its vendor, ACT, can conduct a score study and the statistical analyses necessary to finalize various psychometric requirements. This psychometric work is necessary to provide fair and consistent exams both in March as well as in future months' administrations. The scores cannot be calculated and released until the 300 exam minimum is reached and the examination committee convened for the score study. It would be highly unlikely that the scores could be released before two months after the exam date – that would be the minimum time frame. The maximum timeframe for scoring is unknown – we must test 300 candidates before scoring.

Becoming a CSCP candidate

The CSCP examination is available to individuals who have relevant work experience and education and would like to

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APICS Pikes Peak Chapter Calendar of Events

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- 15 Registration deadline for Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) study group

January 2006

- 6 Registration deadline for plant tour of SYNTHES
- 10 Plant tour of SYNTHES in Monument, CO
- 11 Execution and Control of Operations (ECO) class starts
- 13 Registration deadline for Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class
- 23 Basics of Supply Chain Management (BSCM) class starts this week

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advance their careers in this growing field by getting a broader understanding and increasing their knowledge on all the areas that make up the supply chain.

More Information

To find out more, go to www.apicspikespeak.org and click on the APICS CSCP link.