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Supporting Next-Generation Lean Thinking

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Patrick D. Cowden, beyond leadership

CONFERENCE PROGRAM
27 Presentations and 5 Workshops from 15 countries: Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, UK, USA

Venue:
Porsche Museum
Stuttgart
Beyond Leadership - Redefining the Rules of Business. Forever.

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Supporting Next-Generation Lean Thinking!

The European LEAN EDUCATOR Conference 2014 provides a platform for trainers, coaches, professors and teachers from industry, academia and government organizations to share their knowledge and experiences and learn from one another.

The European LEAN EDUCATOR Conference is dedicated to fostering exchange within academia as well as between education and industry, which we believe is especially important. Toward that end, we are targeting an audience that is 50 percent educators and 50 percent Lean teaching and coaching specialists from industry. All participants will take home practical lessons-learned from one another.

After many successful LEAN EDUCATOR Conferences in the United States, the European LEAN EDUCATOR Conference will be held in Europe for the first time. Keynote speakers, coaches and Lean implementers of leading organizations and companies will share their experience and knowledge.

Through innovative educational approaches – ranging from simulations, case studies, learning factories and new training methods - participants will receive new ideas for teaching, practicing and coaching continuous improvement.

John Y. Shook

Lean Thinking: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities for Education

John Shook is Chairman of the Lean Enterprise Institute and the Lean Global Network, an association of institutes in 17 countries. As the first American manager at Toyota’s headquarters in Japan, Shook helped the company transfer its production and management systems around the world. Shook is former director of the University of Michigan Japan Technology Management Program, and faculty of the university’s Department of Industrial and Operations Engineering.

Shook has written or co-authored several classic books and articles on Lean management, including LEI’s classic „Learning to See“ workbook that established value-stream mapping as the tool used around the world to redesign production systems, and „Managing to Learn“ which described for the first time the dynamics of Lean management and leadership.

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  - Plant Tours to TRUMPF and RITTER SPORT
  - Trip to the Learning Factory and Learning Office at CETPM
  - Experiential Learning of Lean in Higher Education: The Toyota KATA Approach
  - Beyond Lean
- 6 sessions
  - Improvement KATA
  - Teaching Lean
  - Lean and Project Management
  - Lean Simulation and Games
  - Lean Programs at Universities
  - Lean Specials
  - Speakers from 15 countries
  - Discuss Next-Generation Lean Thinking with Mike Rother, Author of „Toyota KATA“ and coauthor of „Learning to see“
  - Meet John Y. Shook, Chairman of the Lean Enterprise Institute and coauthor of „Learning to see“
- Hear Patrick D. Cowden, Author of the Bestseller „Neustart“
- Learn simple methods for teaching complex behaviour
- Experience best practice companies like TRUMPF and RITTER SPORT
- Become acquainted with the Improvement KATA and the Coaching KATA
- See useful tricks how to make Lean Thinking stick
- Chat with Experts from Academia and Industry
- Enlarge your personal network to European scale

Conference Locations

PORSCHE MUSEUM
Porsheplatz 1
70435 Stuttgart - Zuffenhausen
Germany

Enjoy a journey back through the history of Porsche. Right next to the headquarters of Dr. Ing. h.c. F. Porsche AG you can today find one of the most spectacular car museums in the world – The Porsche Museum. Be inspired by over 80 vehicles on our 5,600 square metre exhibition area.

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Workshop 1: Improvement KATA with Live Simulation

During this workshop, participants will ...

- Obtain a basic understanding of the Improvement KATA trajectory
- Have an appreciation for the value of the Coaching KATA methodology
- Participate in a 4-round simulation that is unknown in Europe up to now
- Gain an appreciation of how the Improvement and Coaching KATA can rejuvenate a Lean Initiative and provide a basis for moving confidently and successfully into your future

Are you searching for an answer to: “How can our continuous improvement process survive and thrive?” The Improvement KATA addresses this challenge by providing the framework for a sustainable problem solving culture incorporating targeted experimentation and personal learning. In this practical workshop you will learn about two specific behavior routines, or KATA. First, the Improvement KATA is a repeating routine of establishing challenging target conditions, working iteratively through obstacles and learning from problems encountered along the way. Second, the Coaching KATA is a pattern of teaching the Improvement KATA to employees at every level, ensuring that it permeates their thinking and actions.

Participation in the Improvement KATA simulation makes it easy to understand how the KATA components come together. The interactive simulation brings KATA „to life“ as team members systematically improve their way toward a target condition by using the Improvement KATA steps.

If you are seeking a better way to lead, manage and develop people to produce continuous improvements with superior results, this session is for you!

Your trainers:

Brandon Brown, P.E.  Emiel van Est
Course agenda

- KATA Overview
- Direction
- Current Condition
- Round 1 Simulation (block diagrams, obstacles, exit-cycle times, run charts)
- Round 2 Simulation (planned cycle time, run charts, current conditions)
- Target Condition
- PDCA Cycles (systematic iteration)
- Round 3 Simulation (1st PDCA on a selected obstacle)
- Coaching KATA
- Round 4 Simulation (2nd PDCA on a selected obstacle)
- Participants experience the roles of Learner and 1st Coach
- Overview of La-Z-Boy’s KATA Journey
  - Examples of La-Z-Boy and other company KATA deployments and details of their journey
  - Participants share individual/team observations and participate in group Q&A
  - Wrap up, evaluations and feedback

Who should attend?

- Leaders who are responsible for setting a new direction for how their organization views management, improvement, adaptiveness and innovation
- Anyone interested in learning how to focus their valuable and, oftentimes, limited resources on only those specific obstacles that lie along the path that leads toward the accomplishment of their Vision/Challenge
- Those wishing to engage their teams in daily PDCA continuous improvement activities that will guide them along their Lean Journey’s path to perfection
Facts and figures about the high-technology company TRUMPF

TRUMPF is a global high-technology company with about 9,900 employees and sales of 2.34 billion euros. As world technological and market leader, TRUMPF offers products and services for production technology that are used in almost every sector of industry. Machine tools for flexible sheet metal processing form the core business of TRUMPF. The product portfolio includes machines for bending, punching and forming, for laser processing and for combined punching and laser processing. Standardized system components enable the most diverse automated production solutions. In the laser technology business field, TRUMPF provides high-performance CO2 lasers, disk and fiber lasers, rod and direct diode lasers, ultrashort pulse lasers, marking lasers and marking systems. The product range also features laser systems for cutting, welding and surface processing of 3D components. The product pallet of the electronics business field includes DC, high and medium frequency generators for inductive material heating, surface coating and surface processing via plasma technology, as well as for laser excitation. In the medical technology business division, TRUMPF focuses on system solutions for operating rooms and intensive care units. The portfolio includes operating tables, operating lights, ceiling-mounted workplace solutions, camera- and assistance-systems. The family company is headquartered in Ditzingen near Stuttgart, Germany. The TRUMPF Group is represented by around 60 subsidiaries and agencies in almost all the countries of Europe, in North and South America, and in Asia. Production facilities are located in Germany, China, France, Great Britain, Japan, Mexico, Austria, Poland, Switzerland, the Czech Republic and the USA.

Lean at TRUMPF

SYNCHRO is the Lean management system of TRUMPF based on the Japanese Kaizen concept. For 15 years TRUMPF has relied on SYNCHRO to continuously refine processes in its production and administrative areas. SYNCHRO focuses on customer demands and contains the following principles:

- Process excellence: Synchronization of all processes by flowing, takt, pulling and zero-error
- Management excellence: Shopfloor management using transparency and clearly defined target situations
- Behavior excellence: Constant reduction of waste through structural solutions for problems. Today all the production facilities of TRUMPF as well as the processes and staff of indirect departments (e.g. R&D, Sales, Services…) work with SYNCHRO and are constantly developed further.

Achieved success in production can be shown using the example of the TruLaser machine assembly. The transition from the traditional fixed station assembly to the flow-line assembly led to a significant improvement of important parameters: Inventory and the lead time were reduced by more than half, productivity per unit area and the annual quantity were more than doubled. It was largely thanks to SYNCHRO that TRUMPF won the award „Factory of the Year“ twice. Likewise SYNCHRO has been implemented in administrative areas.
RITTER SPORT is a family-owned chocolate manufacturer located in Waldenbuch outside Stuttgart, Germany. Its 1,200 employees achieved a turnover of 380 million Euros in 2013. The Ritter family started producing chocolate in 1912 and up to now, Ritter Sport continues to be owned and managed by family members, namely Alfred T. Ritter and his sister Marli Hoppe-Ritter. They represent the third generation of the chocolate legacy.

What makes the brand RITTER SPORT unique can be briefly explained by its slogan ‘Quality. Chocolate. Squared.’ The quality of the square chocolate bars is not only determined by the specifically chosen ingredients from all over the world but also by the manufacturing process and the recyclable, differently colored wrappers that express the variety of the product range. RITTER SPORT’s product portfolio ranges from the most common 100 gram basic assortment with 24 different flavors over the promotion flavors in spring, summer and winter to the big chocolate square of 250 gram, the mini bars, chocolate cubes and the organic product line ‘RITTER SPORT Bio’. Being manufactured at the only production site in Waldenbuch, the chocolate is delivered to retailers in roughly 100 countries worldwide. Four sales subsidiaries are located in Austria, Italy, the Netherlands and Russia.

RITTER SPORT’s activities are highly influenced by the concept of sustainability. Within this context the company initiated a project called ‘Cacaonica’ already 25 years ago. Based in Nicaragua, the project helps local farmers to cultivate and to market cocoa beans in a way that natural forest resources are protected and economic advantages for the farmers can be achieved. Nicaragua is also the place where Ritter purchased 2,000 hectares of land in 2012 to start its own cultivation of cocoa based on ecological principles. Besides its environmental efforts, RITTER SPORT shows much concern for employees’ needs which is demonstrated by the company’s work-life-balance program. One main idea of the program is the compatibility of family and career.

RITTER SPORT started implementing Lean management ten years ago. In order to meet customer demands, to increase flexibility and due to its own commitment to high-level quality and freshness of the products, the production system has been gradually changed from push to a consistent pull concept. The main principles of RITTER SPORT’s Lean journey include:

- Understanding of Lean basics: elimination of waste in order to increase the proportion of added value
- Successful implementation of Lean tools like SMED, SixSigma and monitoring of the overall equipment efficiency (OEE)
- Establishing thinking about continuous improvement with reference to key processes to achieve strategic goals

RITTER SPORT’s key to success of Lean management is not about implementing Lean tools alone, but rather about a shared Lean philosophy and more important about employee mobilization. Through specific trainings employees are encouraged to make improvements at their own gemba with the help of trained mentors. Although the main focus of Lean management is on the areas of production and logistics along the value chain, there has been a shift to the administrative areas by means of process transparency and optimization.
Pre-Conference Workshops

Workshop 3:
Trip to the Learning factory and Learning office at CETPM

After a 2 hours trip by bus to the CETPM you are able to view and experience the Learning Factory and Learning Office.

What is the learning factory?
The learning factory is an innovative centre for continuing education, which provides training for the tools crucial to operational excellence. Just like an apprenticeship would teach you the trade, the learning factory will give you the tools to successfully implement change in your organisation. It is not limited to change actual fabrication processes, but will rather address the organisation as a whole, from receiving goods for processing to shipping and handling after production.

What is our didactical approach?
The participants experience a new dimension of learning. By experiencing hands-on training in the learning factory, they are sensitized for necessary improvements. Our well acknowledged experts convey tools and methods for change, which can be intensified by practical experience and hands-on training in the same program. Participants work in teams, compiling ideas for improvement and can then implement those in their own organisations with the help of our transfer-coaches. Each participant takes on different roles and experiences the transformation from different angles.

Improvement projects and seminars inside your organisation – under guidance of our coaches – will give you a chance to implement the contents as well as adjust them to your specific needs. This concept ensures the biggest possible learning effect.

Continuing education in the learning factory – your added value:
If you are looking to eliminate waste and loss of productivity in your plant, the learning factory program is right for you. This will help you lower your costs and increase your productivity – for you and your staff.

Your trainer:

Monika Köppl
What is the learning office?

Just as the learning factory concentrates on the production cycle, the learning office ensures that all the administrative processes of your organisation will succeed in operational excellence. We offer a real-life office environment with all the relevant steps, from taking a customer order to processing the order and issuing the invoice. All theoretical contents can be applied immediately! Our goal is to identify waste and losses in the administrative process and help you eliminate them.

Due to the realistic learning experience, the results are lasting.

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„Lean Cafeteria“ - How to Give Students Opportunities to Understand Lean Management in All Its Complexity

- Teaching Lean from Classroom to Real World Added Value Processes
- How the University Provides Opportunities to Experience Lean Management
- What Students Can Learn and What They Can Not Learn at the University
- How Students Improve Cafeteria Processes by Applying the PDCA Cycle
- Students Cut Lead Time of Cafeteria Processes in Half

Ralph Kriechbaum, Rosenheim University of Applied Sciences, Rosenheim, Germany

14:15 - 14:45

What Makes Lean Viable and how it Should Change the Way we Teach Lean?

- Complexity theory and understanding the Roman empire’s collapse and what does that have to do with Lean
- How to generate mental energy in a social system based on experience and research
- What makes a system viable – a system is more than the sum of its parts
- Understanding Lean as a system
- Why and how should this change the way we teach Lean
- Open questions about Lean sustainability and new approaches to teaching Lean

Teemu Toivonen, Nitor Delta Ltd., Helsinki, Finland

14:45 - 15:15

Break

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Toyota KATA – Habits for Continuous Learning and Improvements

- What are the habits, routines and behavior patterns needed to strive for excellence every day?
- How do we create a culture of continuous learning and improvement?
- The Improvement KATA and the Coaching KATA
- The KATA in knowledge work context
- How to start applying the Improvement KATA and Coaching KATA tomorrow

Håkan Forss, Avega Group, Stockholm, Sweden

15:45 - 16:15

Toyota KATA as Kaizen Blitz – A Rapid Way to Create Significant Improvements

- A case study of Carletti Denmark
- New ways to use the Toyota KATA method
- How to train the companies own coaches
- Gain from unsuccessful experiments with unexpected result
- How we reduced costs and increased capacity

Egon Kjaer Jensen / Morten Friis Jacobsen, Lean Akademiet, Copenhagen, Denmark

16:15 - 17:15


- Our Lean reality today
- People-Oriented future
- Connecting our Potentials
- The path to a better World

Keynote by Patrick D. Cowden, Beyond Leadership

17:15 - 18:15

Guided Tour Porsche Museum

18:15 - 21:00

Dinner Buffet / Get-Together

Shuttle Bus from Porsche Museum to Hotel starting from 18:30 until 21:00
## Conference and Workshops at Holiday Inn

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- Megatrends in a highly Connected World  
- Influences on Production  
- Success Criteria for a Connected Lean Production  
*Bernd Häuser*, Robert Bosch GmbH, Stuttgart, Germany |  |
| **09:30 - 10:00** | Session 1  
Topic: Improvement KATA  
Host: Arnaldo Camuffo |  |
| **10:00 - 10:30** | Developing Competencies for Systemic Continuous Improvement Processes  
- The challenge to link continuous improvement activities and organizational goal direction  
- Competencies in systemic improvement activities from an academic and industrial perspective  
- Didactical settings to develop these competencies at TU Dortmund University  
- Lessons learned from continuous improvement processes based on a case study  
- Future education requirements  
*Maries Steffen*, TU Dortmund University, Institute of Production Systems, Germany; *Sabine Hempen*, WILO SE, Dortmund, Germany |  |
| **10:30 - 11:00** | Experience from Teaching Lean Warehousing in Lectures and Labs  
- Status of Lean Warehousing in practical use and teaching  
- Developing a Lean Warehousing Lab at KIT  
- Lessons learned  
- Future plans  
*Melanie Schwab*, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Institute for Material Handling and Logistics (IFL), Germany |  |
| **10:30 - 11:00** | Break |  |
| **10:30 - 11:00** | Lean Leadership for Middle Managers – Overview of 8 years of Lean Academies  
*Marie-Pia Ignace*, Lean Institute France, France |  |
| **11:00 - 11:30** | Praxis-based Structured System of Implementation of Lean Methods into the Project Management Environment  
- Evolution of Lean Thinking: Manufacturing, Construction, Project Management  
- Lean Project Management training and coaching system of MBtech Group  
- Tools explaining the benefits of Lean management techniques and assisting cultural change  
- Characteristics of implementing Lean Project Management methods for companies of different branches, sizes and economic conditions  
- Difference and similarities for implementing Lean in German and international projects  
- Lessons learned  
*Svetlana Stitnikova / Thomas Schaper*, MBtech Group GmbH & Co. KGaA, Sindelfingen, Germany |  |
| **11:30 - 12:00** | Blending Gemba Coaching and Classroom Learning  
- Finding the right balance of classroom efficiency and one-on-one coaching  
- Standardized work for coaches  
- Importance of following a rubric to enforce learning objectives  
- Use of A3 as a common method  
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*Peter Ward*, Ohio State University, USA |  |
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Our Speakers and Trainers

**Joakim Ahlström**

Joakim Ahlström has helped several European and Asian companies, both manufacturing and service organizations, to achieve long-term improvement in performance by supporting the development of a high performance improvement culture. He is one of Sweden’s most popular inspirational speakers and an appreciated business coach.

Joakim has authored the book „Best in the World – A Practical Guide to Creating and Sustaining a Continuous Improvement Culture” which has been sold in more than 10 000 copies in Sweden and will be published at McGraw-Hill in October 2014.

**John Bicheno**

John Bicheno is a professional engineer who has been working with what became known as Lean since 1985 when he began learning from Toyota South Africa.

He spent 15 years with Lean Enterprise Research Centre, Cardiff Business School and ran the MSc in Lean there for 12 years.

Since 2013 he has been Director of the MSc in Lean Enterprise at the University of Buckingham.

He is the author of several books in the Lean area including ‘The Lean Toolbox’ (cumulative sales exceeded 100k copies in November 2013), ‘Service Systems Toolbox’, and ‘The Lean Games Book’

He is still learning about Lean.

**Joakim Bjurström**

Joakim has a long and solid background in a manufacturing company in Sweden. There he made a successful Lean transformation, from 2002 to 2007.

He has been working as a Lean consultant since 2007, helping numerous companies on their way, both in Manufacturing- and Service-organizations. As a coach in the Swedish program “Produktionslyftet” he has coached almost 20 companies during an 18-month journey.

Joakim is also an appreciated teacher at the University in Växjö. Joakim holds a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and is a Certified TWI Trainer for Job Instruction.

**Brandon Brown**

Brandon Brown, P.E. serves as Kata Coach and Business Development Associate for the W3 Group, LLC. Brandon received a Masters in Engineering from the University of Arkansas and brings 18 years manufacturing and engineering experience to the AMS staff. Prior to joining AMS Brandon worked in Operations with Central States Manufacturing and has served as a visiting professor at the University of Arkansas teaching Operations Management courses. Brandon serves as SE Board Member from The Association for Manufacturing Excellence. He has spent the past three years working with companies implementing Lean and Toyota Kata.

**Arnaldo Camuffo**

Arnaldo Camuffo (PhD) is Professor at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, where he teaches Lean Management. An MIT graduate, after joining the International Motor Vehicle Program at MIT in the early 1990, he has studied the Toyota production system and its application in Italian firms across the world and published books, essays and articles on the topic. His latest forthcoming book („The art of improving. Staying competitive with Made in LeanItaly”) provides a historical perspective and state of the art of the Italian Lean movement. Since 2007 he has lead the Italian Lean Management Institute within the Lean Global Network helping several organizations in their Lean transformations.
Alberto F. De Toni, Ph.D., is Rector of the University of Udine where he is Professor of Complexity Management. The main scientific interests are: operations, strategic and innovation management, management of complex systems. His publications have appeared in various international journals, such as International Journal of Operations and Production Management, International Journal of Production Research, International Journal of Production Economics, Omega and Technovation.

Alberto Felice De Toni

Giovanni De Zan has a Master degree in mechanical engineering. Actually is a Ph.D. candidate in industrial and information engineering at the University of Udine. His main scientific interests are: Lean management, strategic management and management of complex systems.

Giovanni De Zan

Giovanni Capozza, holds a Ph.D. in Chemistry and achieved an MBA at Politecnico of Milano; he has been working as a consultant in JMAC Europe in continuous improvement and processes optimization projects since 2007, in Italy and in other European countries. His main focus is on Lean methods application, both for R&D and Supply Chain processes, aiming at the improvement of operational performances (QCT) together with the parallel goal of coaching people. Within JMAC, he is also the main teacher of the training workshop for R&D personnel based on the "Kart Factory": a real production line developed by JMAC for Experiential training on Lean matters.

Giovanni Capozza

Andrea Fornasier has a Master degree in engineering management and a Ph.D. in industrial and information engineering. Actually project manager in Unindustria Pordenone and responsible of education unit. The main scientific interests are: knowledge management, innovation management and Lean management. In 2011 he supports the implementation of Lean Experience Factory, a model factory developed in partnership among McKinsey & Company, Unindustria Pordenone and some other local stakeholder. He is a member of the advisory board of Lean Enterprise Center of CUOA.

Andrea Fornasier

Håkan Forss is a Lean/Agile Coach, public speaker and author. He coaches, mentors and teaches Lean/Agile thinking, methods and tools to leaders, organizations and teams. He develops people’s ability to continuous learn and improve how work is done. Håkan has over 20 years’ experience in the software and product development area. Håkan is an active member of the Kanban, Lean and Agile communities. He is an Accredited Kanban Trainer (AKT), a Kanban Coaching Professional (KCP) and he serves in the Kanban Coaching Professional Advisory board. He was also nominated for the Brickell Key Award 2013 and 2014.

Håkan Forss
José P. García-Sabater

José P. García-Sabater is Professor of Operations Management in the Departamento de Organización de Empresas at the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain), where he currently is the Head of Department. He received his Ingeniero Industrial Degree and his PhD from the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia. He also received a Combined Eng Degree from Coventry University (UK). Professor García-Sabater’s research and teaching interests are in the areas of supply chain management, Lean management, and complexity. His work has appeared in journals such as European Journal of Operational Research, International Journal of Production Economics, Production Planning and Controls, European Journal of Industrial Engineering among others. He regularly works with companies at the automotive sector such as Ford, Faurecia, Jonson Controls.

Julio J. García-Sabater

Julio J García-Sabater is lecturer at the Departament of Business Organization in the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain). He lectures on management and Lean manufacturing. He is foundation member of Research Group ROGLE where he develops his activities in different projects.

Dennis Gawlik

Dennis Gawlik has acquired operational and Lean knowledge during 30+ years in operations, supply management and transportation, initially as a logistics supplier to Toyota Motor Co. in Georgetown, KY in the early 1990s. Dennis has led operational organizations, as well as Toyota Way process efforts at a variety of Fortune 500 organizations such as Amazon.com and Starbucks, and most recently as an internal Lean consultant at Liberty Mutual Insurance. Dennis has taught sustainable and Lean operations and supply management at several universities – the last 10 years at Pinchot University / Bainbridge Graduate Institute (BGI), the United States’ first sustainable MBA program. Dennis received a BA from Northwestern University in Economics and Geography, a Graduate Degree in Business from the University of Toronto and a MS in Business Logistics from Penn State. He lives on Bainbridge Island, WA with his family.

Betty Gratopp

Betty Gratopp is the lead production manager at Zingerman’s Mail Order, an online gourmet food shop located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Zingerman’s Mail Order has annual sales of $16 million and offers about 1,000 different products ranging from fresh bread to aged cheese to estate-bottled olive oils. Orders are shipped five days per week via courier all across the US. Daily order volumes are highly variable, ranging from 100 to 15,000 boxes and there is extreme seasonal variability as well, with over 50% of the year’s revenue happening in the last six weeks of the year. Betty oversees a crew of 50 and a part-time seasonal crew of 400. Betty has been the lead implementer and developer of Zingerman’s Mail Order’s Lean transformation, now in its 11th year. She runs several Kata teams, creates and steers all long term planning, and teaches regular classes to her crew and outside organizations.

Bernd Häuser

Dr. Häuser studied Physics at the University of Giessen (Germany) and Harvard University (UK), he completed his studies in Giessen with a degree in solid state physics and did doctorate work at the University of Twente (Netherland) in low-temperature physics. Mr. Häuser started his professional career in 1989 at IBM. He had various positions in semi-conductor manufacturing in Böblingen (Germany) and Burlington (USA) until 2000 when he started at the BOSCH Group - semi-conductor plant in Reutlingen (Germany) as department manager. After three years he took over plant management in RtiP1. In January 2010, Mr. Häuser took over the corporate responsibility of Manufacturing Coordination, Production System Development and Investment Planning for Bosch. Mr. Häuser is married and has two children. His hobbies include flying (private pilot), hiking, dancing, skiing and his family.
Since February 2013, Dr. Sabine Hempen is responsible for implementation of Lean strategies in terms of future value streams and developing related competencies of the WILO organization. As part of the Group Production Systems department, her activities include coaching of production business units in policy deployment processes, implementation of continuous improvement processes and development of Lean standards within the WILO production system (WPS). One of her main projects was the development of a global production strategy for the Wilo site network (production footprint). From 2007 to 2013 Sabine Hempen worked at the Institute of Production Systems (IPS, University of Dortmund) as a scientific employee in the field of Lean Management, Industrial Engineering and work system design. In her PhD (finished in 2013) she developed an approach for specifying target conditions in context of short-cycled process improvement.

Tamera Hanken

Tamera Hanken is Head of Information Access and Resources at the Li Ka Shing Library, Singapore Management University. She has over 20 years of management experience in a variety of library settings: academic, public, government and nonprofit. She holds Master’s degrees in Library Science and Public Administration and a post graduate degree in Supply Chain Management (Lean Operations). Her strengths and focus is in teaching staff to apply and assimilate the principles and tools of Lean to stimulate and then sustain a culture of continuous assessment and improvement.

Sabine Hempen

Joakim Hillberg

Joakim is an acknowledged leader in the area of Lean. His focus is building Lean capability through integrating training, implementing and coaching of clients. He has been involved in large scale improvements in over 15 countries in over 20 years in manufacturing, healthcare, service, television etc. He has extensive training from Japanese experts (Shingijutsu, Gemba Research, JMAC and at Toyota) and Global Lean experts. Joakim has written numerous articles, co-written books and developed numerous on-the-job workshop trainings. He has developed and delivered different Lean management games and trained well over 400 game facilitators and organizations in Europe and Asia. His company Revere is an accredited Lean certifier according to Lean Competency System. Joakim sits on the board of Lean Forum, a Swedish Lean non-profit with over 5000 members. He has an MSc from Chalmers and an MBA from INSEAD.

Morten Friis Jacobsen

Morten Friis Jacobsen is a Management Consultant at Lean Akademiet, Denmark. He has implemented Lean in companies and organizations since 2011, besides teaching and training upcoming Lean Managers. Morten is a Manufacturing Engineer from the Technical University of Denmark and specializes in Planning, Innovation and Leadership. He has a background as an entrepreneur and has completed International courses in business and entrepreneurship at Oxford Cambridge and RSA. Morten trained Lean at the University of Michigan. He is an expert in the implementation of Lean in manufacturing, where his professional scope makes him approach problems from different angles, and thus find solutions that sustain.

Egon Kjaer Jensen

Egon Kjaer Jensen is partner and owner of Lean Akademiet, Denmark. He has a career as Senior Consultant in Price Waterhouse Coopers, Partner I Implement Consulting Group and in Lean Akademiet. Previously he has worked as Logistics Manager, Plant Manager, General Manager and President of companies in Denmark and the USA. Egon has specialized in Production Strategy and Lean Transformation. He has completed a number of Lean transformation projects and implemented new production strategies in Denmark, Indonesia, China and the USA. Egon has received the price for the best Management Consulting project from the Confederation of Danish Industry twice.
René Junkes
Over two decades René Junkes was collecting experiences in different cultures by working in countries like India, the UK and the USA. What drove him was the search for the core resting deep inside every human being: The hidden potential which wants to and can be revealed - which always manifests when we face our own fear. The knowledge he gained about the human nature during his cultural and social exchange finds its use in the world of companies nowadays. As an educated psychological Consultant, a graduated Mediator, a System Coach & Communication Trainer, a Bachelor of Art in Entrepreneurship/Company Succession and a Master Transition Agent he supports people and companies in different industry sectors and sizes. In the past as a team leader and a Lean Consultant, today as a BEYONDER he stands for unfolding a motivating interaction climate and a highly flexible corporation. His uncompromising nature to facilitate a room of free development has already inspired many companies to live new principles based on the relationship with their own employees.

Monika Köppl
Monika Köppl has collected comprehensive experience in production and logistics at an international corporation for more than 20 years. Since 10 years she anchored the Lean philosophy as a trainer and coach in companies of different branches and at all hierarchy levels. Focused on a sustainable change in culture - in her work employees are a central aspect for success. As a certificated systemic change management consultant she is engaged with the holistic consideration of change processes within a Lean context. She is co-founder of the Learning Factory of the CETPM and teaches in the degree program “Added Value Management”.

Tomasz Koch
Tomasz Koch is full professor teaching Management and Production Engineering study course students (B.Sc. and M.Sc.) at the Mechanical Engineering Faculty of the Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland. He is an author or co-author of over 100 scientific papers and articles and successfully supervised 13 Ph.Ds. He is also president and co-founder of Lean Enterprise Institute Polska created in 2006 whose main purpose is to disseminate the principles and practices of Lean Thinking in companies and other organizations in Poland and to develop best managers. Before starting an independent Lean Institute Prof. Tomasz Koch created Lean Manufacturing Program at Wroclaw University of Technology in 1999. The main focus of that program was to develop a lean training program offered by Wroclaw Centre for Technology Transfer. His team was supported by Lean Program of the Center for Manufacturing, University of Kentucky at that time. He holds M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics from Wroclaw University of Technology, a Ph.D. from the same university and D.Sc. from Technical University of Cracow both in Mechanical Engineering, and a professor title. He has international experience both in education and research from University of Stuttgart, Brunel University in London and being full time visiting associate professor at Central Connecticut State University.

Ralph Kriechbaum
After 17 years in industry Ralph Kriechbaum has accepted the offer for a professorship in Supply Chain Management and Value Adding Processes at the University of Applied Sciences in Rosenheim. In the twelve years prior, as the CEO of different German group companies abroad, Ralph has helped companies and their employees to turn around their organizations following LEAN Management leadership principles. His strengths and fields of research lie in the hidden core of LEAN Management and the holistic transfer of knowledge about company leadership processes.

Eduardo Lander
Dr. Eduardo Lander is a Mechanical Engineer with a Master Degree from Cornell University. Eduardo worked as plant manager at a steel pipe mill in Venezuela where he began experimenting with Lean. Having Dr. Jeff Liker as an advisor, Eduardo received a Doctor of Engineering from The University of Michigan for his work implementing Lean in companies dealing with high variability in their sales and/or processes. Eduardo spent over six years at Toyota’s Technical Center in Brussels working in the Chief Engineer group directly on vehicle development projects, and in improving the quality of design and the development process itself. He is now an independent consultant leading Lean transformations mostly in small companies in the US and Europe.
Joshua Ma

Joshua Ma is a graduate student of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan and fellow of Tauber Institute. In 2014, Joshua has led a Lean improvement project at Zingerman Mail Order in Michigan, with the mentorship of Dr. Jeff Liker. Previously, Joshua worked at Cummins, a corporation that designs, manufactures, distributes and services engines and related technologies. He has led several Lean transformation projects in the largest hospital in China as well as at other Fortune 500 manufacturers in Asia.

Constantin May

Prof. Dr. Constantin May graduated in industrial engineering and management at the University of Kaiserslautern and then became consultant at IDS Scheer AG. After working as a research assistant at the Catholic University of Eichstaett-Ingolstadt, Prof. May obtained his doctorate for his work on operations management. This was followed by a position as head of division at the Schaeffler Group, taking him also to South East Asia for prolonged stays. Since 1999, Professor May is now teaching production management and logistics at Ansbach University of Applied Sciences. He has been the head of the CETPM since its foundation in 2005.

Viktor Molnar

Viktor Molnar was born in Miskolc, Hungary in 1980. Qualifications: MSc in Engineering and Management; MSc in Mechanical Engineering. Academic degree: PhD in Management and Organizational Science.

Education experience: Kecskemét College (Business Information Systems, Economics; from 2004 to 2010); University of Miskolc, Department of Production Engineering (Quality Assurance of Production Processes; from 2010 to 2013); Institute of Management Science (Process Management, Project Management; from 2014)

He has take part in several mobility programmes, projects connecting to education development and industrial R&D.

Major research areas: efficiency of production processes and systems, cutting edge quality assurance techniques and methods.

Ayperi Okur

Dr. Ayperi Okur was born in Istanbul, in 1953. She completed her educational life respectively in Middle East Technical University (METU), Department of Architecture (B.Arch, 1979), Marmara University, Institute of Political Science and Public Administration (MA, 1984) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (Ph.D. 1994).

She was introduced to lean theory and applications by Dr. James Womack who she luckily met in 1990 while she was preparing her dissertation at MIT. Dr. Okur has a published book which is titled “The Structural Model for Turkey’s Industries in Approaching the Year 2000: Lean Production”, which was sponsored by Tofas, the leading automotive company in Turkey. The book was first published in 1997. 1500 copies of the book were distributed among the workers and suppliers of Tofas. The revised version of the book was re-published in 2004 by Lean Enterprise Institute, Turkey. Okur has been working for the Lean Enterprise Institute, Turkey, since year 2010 as a researcher. She prepared various papers on different aspects of Lean during this period.

Sigfrido Pilone

Sigfrido Pilone is an Engineer graduated in 1989 at the Polytechnic of Turin. He then experienced, as industrial entrepreneur, the hybridization of Artificial Intelligence concepts to automatic systems and people management. Later he became head of production in a medium-sized company of luxury writing articles, and then head of marketing at Scuola Camerana, the VET center founded by Turin’s Industrial Association, Mechanic/Mechatronic Group and Chamber of Commerce. When he got fascinated by Lean Thinking, Pilone obtained the Lean Knowledge Certificate by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and in 2010, when promoted General Manager of the school, started its Lean transformation. During his present term as GM, Scuola Camerana carried out the 4-year Lean Organization Programme, which recently led to the establishment of the Lean Education Network Torino, which the school joined as a founding member. The LEN is presently experimenting with Toyota KATA in high school processes, a method Pilone is simultaneously using in Camerana to transform people’s behavior and improve processes.
Tilo Schwarz is a Management Trainer and KATA Coach supporting managers to successfully lead cultural change and continuous improvement. He focuses on implementing management patterns for improvement and increasing target-orientated problem-solving ability within teams. While being plant manager at Festool, he installed the Toyota KATA as the main problem-solving-pattern establishing continuous improvement as a daily working routine throughout all processes and areas of the plant. This lead to winning the 2008 A.T. Kearny manufacturing competition „plant of the year“ and a second place in the INSEAD/WHU contest „industrial excellence award“ in 2011.

Giorgio Possio

A graduate from the University of Turin, with a UC Berkeley MSc., since 1988 Giorgio Possio has been an industrial entrepreneur with the Italian automotive SME Spesso Gaskets Srl. He has over 15 years experience of close cooperation with a Japanese tier1 supplier to Toyota, which entailed exposure to the TPS and its managerial mindset. Following frequent visits to Japan for business and study tours, in 2005 he started a structured Lean transformation of his firm, which is presently focusing on Lean Accounting and, above all, Toyota KATA. In the last 5 years, as Vice President of the Italian SMEs’ Association, he actively promoted Lean among companies and education institutions, with very positive feedback in both cases. The enthusiasm raised among high school teachers and students led to the establishment of the Lean Education Network Torino, regrouping all major local institutions together with 15 High Schools and Turin’s two Universities.

Mike Rother

Mike Rother is an engineer, researcher, teacher and author whose groundbreaking research and insights close the gap between the theory and practice of scientific thinking in both business and education. Rother is a best-selling author with previous affiliations with the University of Michigan, the Industrial Technology Institute, the Fraunhofer Institute and the Technical University Dortmund. His most recent book, „Toyota Kata“ explains the Improvement Kata and Coaching Kata, which are teachable routines that make scientific working a daily habit and provide a clear path for leveraging human potential. Rother’s book „Learning to See,“ co-authored with John Shook, is widely regarded as the standard explanation and user guide for the now-famous Value Stream Mapping method.

Thomas Schaper

Thomas Schaper is the Head of Lean Project Delivery team at MB-tech Group, GmbH, Operations. Former a 100% Daimler subsidiary, MBtech has long-standing experience with increasing efficiency in the automotive industry by means of state-of-the-art Lean methods and value stream analysis. This know-how is effectively transferred to the construction industry. Mr. Schaper is responsible for innovation in construction using the knowledge, methods, and tools along the entire value chain. He has 28 years of experience in design, construction and project management. Since 2010 Thomas Schaper and his team are implementing Lean Project Management as a part of LPD to large industrial companies and clients all over the world. He is speaker at several congresses and lecturer at the University of Applied Sciences in Stuttgart.

Melanie Schwab

Melanie Schwab graduated from Universität Karlsruhe (TH) with a Master of Science in industrial engineering in 2007. Since 2008 she is working with the Institute for Material Handling at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) and is head of the research group Logistics since 2012. Her focus of activity is Warehousing, particularly Lean Warehousing. She worked on research projects as well as projects in cooperation with industries and gives trainings for companies. She also teaches students from different majors as well in classes as guiding them during projects and theses.

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Emiel van Est is Toyota Kata ambassador based in The Netherlands. Since 2010 Emiel has concentrated his learning, teaching and practice on the deployment of “Toyota Kata” as described in the book of the same name by author Mike Rother. In 1997 he started improving and designing processes for Hewlett Packard and has since then helped a diverse group of clients in many different industries with their Lean efforts. He also introduced Lean to many people by engaging them in different simulations. Emiel was involved in the development of simulation material that Scania uses worldwide and also taught many classes for Scania. Prior to consulting, Emiel was engineering special equipment to make new production processes feasible. Emiel holds a bachelor’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Hogeschool Haarlem, The Netherlands.

Teemu Toivonen

Teemu has almost 15 years of experience in the IT industry in various roles (expert, project manager, team leader, line manager, consultant). Utilizing Lean and agile principles and practices has been a source of inspiration and success for most of that time. In recent years Teemu has built his management practices based on Lean thinking and Toyota KATA. Currently he is teaching and consulting based on this experience helping others succeed in their work. Teemu is also continually looking to evolve his personal working methods and Lean to successfully conquer tomorrow’s challenges.

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Peter Ward

Peter Ward is Professor of Operations Management and holds the Richard M. Ross Chair in Management at Ohio State University’s Max M. Fisher College of Business, located in Columbus, Ohio, USA. Peter is also Chair of the Department of Management Sciences at Fisher College. He is the first president of the Lean Education Academic Network (LEAN), a global community of university educators dedicated to teaching systems thinking in universities.

Peter is Academic Director of Fisher’s Master of Business Operational Excellence (MBOE) program, an innovative degree program aimed at mid-career professionals involved in transforming their organizations through operational excellence. Peter is Co-Director of the Center for Operational Excellence at Ohio State, a consortium of more than thirty companies dedicated to excellence and thought leadership in operations.
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