

## CYP's at MIT Research Expo

In the evening of January 22<sup>nd</sup> five of our CYP's (Claudia, Jessica, Chris, Eric and Mark) attended the MIT Global Supply Chain and Logistic (Scale) Network Research Expo in Cambridge.

From the MIT Center for Transportation and Logistics newsletter:

In the evening, over 200 supply chain professionals, students, teachers, and researchers attended Research Expo 2014, where over 100 supply chain master's students from the [MIT Global Supply Chain and Logistics \(SCALE\) Network](#) showcased their company-sponsored thesis projects on nearly 90 electronic posters.



Attendees were invited to vote for the best poster of night, a recognition awarded to MIT Supply Chain Management students David Xia and Rainy Lu for their poster, "Mitigating Disruption Risk." This project attempts to create an integrated, practical approach for companies to deploy a supply chain risk management strategy on an enterprise level through supply chain visualization and catastrophe modeling software. All presentations will be available on the MIT CTL website shortly.

Read a recap of Research Expo by Bob Trebilcock, Executive Editor of *Modern Materials Handling*, [here](#).

Missed Research Expo? You can still view all the student posters [here](#).

## MIT's SCMx program

Please also see this [DC Velocity article](#) from last October on online supply chain education. If this will happen perhaps we can build a CYP study group to take an online class together:

### **MIT seeks practitioner input to new online supply chain education program:**

#### **SCMx, described as a "virtual classroom," is under development at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Transportation and Logistics.**

Wherever logistics and supply chain professionals gather, the subject of the supply chain talent shortage is sure to come up. Companies worldwide are having trouble attracting, hiring, developing, and retaining experienced managers, and even less luck finding promising young talent who will become the profession's next generation of leaders.

Private industry and academic institutions must work together to address the problem, says Dr. Chris Caplice, executive director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Center for Transportation and Logistics (CTL). In an article on the Supply Chain @MIT blog, Caplice proposes that a new online curriculum similar to the edX open online educational service could help fill the supply chain talent gap. Called SCMx, the program is currently under development at CTL and is slated for launch in late 2014.

Caplice describes the program as a "virtual classroom" that could educate "huge numbers" of individuals worldwide using a single sequence of courses. SCMx plans to offer three, 12-week courses designed to be completed in sequence. The first will introduce fundamentals and core concepts, the second will cover supply chain design and integration, and the third will address the development and integration of supply chain strategies, among other topics.

"In our opinion, such a curriculum would expand the talent pipeline and provide a world standard for supply chain education," Caplice writes. "Ultimately, we see SCMx as a transition to a new era in supply chain education, where globally available virtual classrooms complement the traditional, on-campus model."

CTL is seeking logistics and supply chain practitioners to participate in the project. To learn more, [click here](#).