

Brief Biography of Rajan Suri:

Rajan Suri is Emeritus Professor of Industrial Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his Bachelors degree from Cambridge University (England) and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Harvard University.



Professor Suri is the Founding Director of the Center for Quick Response Manufacturing (QRM) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, through which around 300 companies have worked with the University on developing and implementing QRM strategies. Dr. Suri is author of the original book on QRM, *Quick Response Manufacturing: A Companywide Approach to Reducing Lead Times* (Productivity Press, 1998), as well as the latest book on QRM, *It's About Time: The Competitive Advantage of Quick Response Manufacturing* (Productivity Press, 2010). Suri is co-inventor of the MCT metric and author of the first book on this: *MCT Quick Reference Guide*, C&M Printing, 2014. He is also the inventor of the POLCA system and author of the first book on this system: *The Practitioner's Guide to POLCA: The Production Control System for High-Mix, Low-Volume and Custom Products*, Productivity Press, March 2018.

Dr. Suri has consulted for leading firms including Alcoa, Boeing, AT&T, Danfoss, Ford, Harley-Davidson, Hewlett Packard, IBM, John Deere, National Oilwell Varco, Pratt & Whitney, Rockwell Automation and TREK Bicycle. Consulting assignments in Europe and the Far East have given him an international perspective on manufacturing competitiveness.

Professor Suri has received awards from the American Automatic Control Council, The Institute of Management Sciences and the IEEE. In 1999, Suri was made a Fellow of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), and in 2006 he received SME's Albert M. Sargent Progress Award for the creation and implementation of the Quick Response Manufacturing philosophy. In 2010 Rajan Suri was inducted into the Industry Week 2010 Manufacturing Hall of Fame.

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