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**Cc:** Oletha Darensburg (oletha@scs.org) <oletha@scs.org>

**Subject:** 2017-04-19\_SCS Technical Committee on M&S Body of Knowledge Index

Dear Committee Member Colleagues,

Finally, I am in a position to start the activities of our committee. Many thanks for agreeing to join forces.

1. **Membership information:** Would you please check the [list](#) and send me any additional information and/or corrections to update the list. Recommendations of other willing and able colleagues are welcome.
2. **Basic agreement** to develop the M&S Body of Knowledge Index (the work):

With your contributions, we can finalize a succinct basic agreement.

Some **example** points follow:

The M&S BOK Index will be developed for SCS; once its development is finished, the information will be posted at the website of SCS and the views of a larger audience will be solicited and the work will be updated accordingly.

During the development of the work, no expense will be claimed from [SCS](#) or from other organizations.

At the end of the work, the names of the committee members will be posted as the developers of the work. However, we have to be careful that each one of us can express our views as individuals and that we will not need the approval of our institution; otherwise the control cannot be manageable.

3. [Website](#) (until the work is finished, it will be easier to maintain it on my website):
  - 3.1 After finishing the Index, we can start adding additional information to develop the Guide for M&S BOK.
  - 3.2 I updated **Part 1**: Background which consists of Preliminary, Terminology, and View of M&S.
  - 3.3 Please send me your views about section 1.1 (Preliminary). For examples, your recommendations for the preparation of the work can be posted at the [recommendations](#) section.

- 3.4 Section 1.2 is for some clarifications about terminology. Your views will be highly appreciated.
- 3.5 In section 1.3, we have a few references about the benefits of a comprehensive view of M&S.
- 4. I did not yet revise the other parts. Please, concentrate on part 1 only.
- 5. **References:** I am planning to revise first, references by authors where, I will also add the information I received from you. Please keep sending me any information you may find it useful to be added. While we'll be working on Part 2 and Part 3, we can point out relevant references on specific issues.
- 6. [BOK studies in areas other than M&S](#) is rather impressive. Hope, together, we'll finalize one for our own discipline.
- 7. Would you please send your views by May 1. Unless, I get your views by May 1, I would like to assume that you agree with the Part 1.

Best regards,

Tuncer Ören

PS-1: Please acknowledge receipt of this message, to be sure that I have the correct addresses.

PS-2: Dear Oletha, Since, this is our first message, I wanted to keep you posted.