Kelly Thomson, York University, gives us the lowdown on the Teaching Committee's activities, in particular how we can make OMT more central to business school curriculum.

Jerry Davis, as Division Chair, flagged the need to re-establish teaching OMT as critical to the future of the division. The OMT Teaching Committee, in consultation with the membership and many new volunteers, has been working hard to make it easier for OMT members to develop exciting new electives and to recognize the contributions of OMT'ers to teaching.

David Touve is developing a wiki site (teachOMT.com) that will allow users to post and share course syllabi, while providing quick links to other course materials (recommended texts, relevant web sites, online videos, etc). Being a wiki, the site is open to contribution and collaboration (with attribution, of course) around a set of topic areas in organization theory. Consider the venture OMT 2.0. The “official” launch will be at this year's conference, but in the meantime volunteers at all career stages are invited to check out the pilot site (teachOMT.com) and contribute syllabi or wiki entries. The committee would like thank everyone who has “donated” their course syllabi and other content thus far.

Ellen Auster has taken the lead (working closely with Jerry) to launch the first (hopefully annual) teaching session for the OMT doctoral and junior faculty consortia. Participants in the consortia will have the opportunity to work with over a dozen outstanding OMT scholars who will share
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their distinctive approaches to teaching OMT. Finally, Anand Narasimhan (in-coming Chair of the Teaching Committee) will be preparing to accept nominations for the first award for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching OMT, an award that will be launched next year and will be conferred every two years by the OMT Division. Watch the OMT homepage for the call for nominations coming up in 2009.

If you have any comments or questions about the Teaching Committee's activities, please contact Anand Narasimhan, Incoming Chair (Anand.Narasimhan@imd.ch)