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„LATNET: the sum of the world is bigger than the country“

The LATNET story started six years ago when Professor Mladen Radujković as VP for Education & Training proposed to ExBo TAP: Training Aid Project. The mission would be an ice breaker for potential Member Associations. With a small budget, the project started in 2008 in Mexico and later in Peru. During the World Congress in Rome (2008) TAP looked for more ambitious projects. In 2009, TAP identified stakeholders to undergo registered trainings and to apply for transitional membership. The project looked for strategic implementation in Latin Americas and Caribbean countries (LACC). During this period 8 associations were founded and accepted by IPMA. Since 3 years the program is organized in 4-5 yearly missions. Since 2008 the Spanish Member Association supports many activities in the LACC Program. At the CoD meeting 2013 in Warsaw a new network named "LATNET" was born in order to help LACC Programme in America. Assisted by 4 area directors the Programme's mission accelerates. Sponsored by VP E&T Jesus Martinez Almela and Managed by LATNET Director / Deputy Programme Manager Jose Reyes LATNET appointed 4 area directors from 4 LATNET MA's as permanent team. LATNET is also the strategic network PMO (Project Management Office) based in the "City of Knowledge (Panama)" to ensure sustainability for MAs in the region and also to support another 7 new initiatives. Final goal is to have 17 MAs by 2015. Message to new MAs: "Permanently maintain devotion to your association to keep the people!" There are huge opportunities for IPMA worldwide and: **the sum of the world is bigger than the country.**

From 6th - 11th November 2013 Professor Mladen Radujković and Dr Jesus Martinez Almela visited Santo Domingo where they met Dr Danilo Diaz Vizcaino, former Minister and actual Chief Officer Advisor of the Cabinet of the President of the Dominican Republic. Aim was to present IPMA as the leading organization for project management. Later, the team met Mr Julian Santana Araujo from Dominican electricity transmission company to develop future cooperation. During their visit to the Dominican Republic, Professor Radujković and Dr Martinez-Almela also met members of the Institute for Agriculture and Forestry (IDIAF). Director of this institute, mr. Rafael Perez Duverge pointed out that their future lies in project implementation in a modern way and he expressed support in improving competences in project management. After the meeting, Dr Almela presented IPMA competences and later LATNET and IDIAF signed a cooperation contract. Also, at the "Universidad UNAPEC" Professor Radujković and Dr Almela presented IPMA to around 300 attendees.

Two senior professionals who currently develop IPMA MA in Dominican Republic are: Jose Mercedes, research Associate in IDIAF and Josephina De Los Santos, Secretary to the Board of Dominican electricity transmission company. Together with Pablo Lorenzo, Stalin Rivas, Pavel Santana, Gualberto Magallanes and more young professionals they created a strong team. Their goal is to join IPMA which they see as leading authority in Project management on an international level. Membership will allow them to develop competences through a global community. This should help them

become successful in the Project Management profession. Main problem in the country is a high number of unsuccessful projects. Josephina expects that IPMA can contribute to more efficiency in each of the 3 key sector in the country: water, energy, executives. They are planning to work in municipal areas to connect with the rest of the population. With IPMA's message spread in the key sectors, they both believe that Dominican Republic would move forward – for the benefit of future generations.

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from left to right: Josephina De Los Santos, Dr Jesus Martinez Almela, Dr Danilo Diaz Vizcaino, Professor Mladen Radujković and Sandra Mišić, M.A. during meeting at the Cabinet of President of Dominican Republic



from left to right: Jose Mercedes, Professor Mladen Radujković, Rafael Perez Duverge and Dr Jesus Martinez Almela during meeting in IDIAF



(from left to right): Dr Jesus Martinez Almela, Julian Santana Araujo, Sandra Mišić M.A., Professor Mladen Radujković and Jose Mercedes and during meeting in Dominican electricity transmission company

pma award 2013: Ovations for Excellent Project Management

The winners of the pma awards 2013 were announced during a gala ceremony in November in Vienna. The ceremony honored nominees and winners in the categories “project manager of the year” and “pma junior award” for their excellent competences in project management.

Project manager of the year 2013 became Manfred Kirmair, project manager at the international IT-company CSC. He received the award for his IT project for AUVA (the general personal accident insurance of Austria) and for his excellent performance during the level B-certification.

The pma junior award was again won – for the fifth time in serial! – by a team of HTL Rennweg. Within their project „Green Racing” the students tested different e-cars and presented the results during a press conference.

Brigitte Schaden, president of pma and Chairman of GAPPS: “The aim of the pma awards is to get excellence project management into the public forum. Above all, these awards acknowledge the performance of the winners who really show high quality in their works. I also want to express my thanks to the teachers of the nominees and winners of the pma junior award. They are doing a great job in teaching and coaching their students.”

Details and pictures of the pma award gala: <http://p-m-a.at/award/>



Nominees and winners of the pma awards cheered for their success.



Proud and happy: The project management team “green race”.- winner of the pma junior award 2013. For Brigitte Schaden, president of pma, the promotion of young talents is an important task of pma: “They are our future! Our industry needs high qualified young project managers. Therefore we support them in many ways – the pma junior award is one of them”



Project manager of the year 2013:
Manfred Kirmair! Brigitte Schaden,
president of pma: Congrats!

IPMA Young Crew Estonia first workshop

On the 6th of December 2013 Estonia Young Crew had their first workshop "How is your project going?" with lecturer and project manager in action Daniel Collado- Ruiz and event took place in Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia.

IPMA Young Crew Estonia was established on the 15th of April 2013 and our membership was very small. Through this event we gathered many students from different Universities like Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn Economic School and Tallinn Business School and many participants became our new members. We got request for next workshop "Team Building" and on the 6 of January 2014 Young Crew Estonia will announce when will take place this event. We would like to say very big "Thank You" for Daniel who came to Estonia and made very interactive workshop to us. We are also very grateful for our neighbors-- Young Crew Finland who came to Estonia and gave us many new ideas and with whom we will have future cooperation.

Warm greetings from Estonia!

Katlin Kuuspalu
Chairman of Young Crew Estonia
Member of the Board of the Estonian Project Managers Association - EPMA



PMA's Global Symposium & APFPM Awards - New Delhi, India

Project Management Associates of India (PMA, India) hosted its highly successful annual event, the 'Global Symposium' in New Delhi on 2-3 December 2013, incorporating the APFPM Awards.

The Symposium was attended by some 600 industry professionals from 22 countries, and included not only a range of industry experts to share their rich experience but a great enthusiasm was seen all around. The importance of project management is now realized at the highest levels in the Government of India. The Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dr. M Veerappa Moily, inaugurated the Symposium on December 2, 2013. The Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Sector Enterprises, Mr. Praful Patel, gave the Valedictory address. The Symposium was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. TKA Nair, Adviser to the Prime Minister of India. The book 'Totality of Project Management' authored by Ms. Ruchira Jain, was released by Dr. M Veerappa Moily, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

The event was extensively covered in the media. The 21st Global Symposium was an astounding success.



pma young crew: Take the next steps

„Take the next steps“ is the motto of pma young crew’s activities in 2014, continuing last years topic „Project manager! What next?“

In 2014 several events – four get2gethers, a two-day-workshop and four company visits – are planned so that pma young crew members can visualize how to achieve professional and personal enhancement.

At these events, several project management professionals will answer the following questions:

- Which hard and soft skills are necessary to become a successful project manager?
- Which tools are helpful for working in projects?
- What are the next steps in one’s career path after leading the first, own project?

The pma young crew management board – Jannis Soulos, Bikash Dhar, Claudia Ploszanski and Katharina Radlinger – is happy about currently 81 members, and they are looking forward to seeing some new faces at next year’s events. Feel invited! (if you are 20 to 30 years old and interested in project management...)

Further Information about the pma young crew: <http://www.p-m-a.at/pmayoungcrew.html>

High level information meets cozy atmosphere at pma young crew’s events.



IPMA Recruits Assessors for the IPMA International Project Excellence Award 2014

“Go the ‘extra mile’ in project management with your involvement with the IPMA Project Excellence Award”.

Ph.D. John-Paris Pantouvakis

Every year a group of around 100 assessors get a unique chance to gain the experience in the assessment of the best-managed projects in the world. Projects coming from all industries and continents take the challenge and apply for the IPMA International Project Excellence Award. This is the annual award organized by the International Project Management Association since 2002 and it is based on the IPMA Project Excellence Model.

The assessors are the heart of the assessment process. Each project is assessed by four or five assessors Prof. Ding Ronggui (China) and Prof. Rajat Baisya (India) both experienced

assessors, Team Lead Assessors and Trainers underline that being the assessor is excellence chance to work with project professionals and share ideas and lessons with them. Ph. D. John-Paris Pantouvakis (Greece) said that benefits start already from interacting with a team of peers at the assessors training.

The first part of the assessment is based on the application report, then the assessors meet with the project team and stakeholders at the site visit. “At the site visit the assessors have an opportunity to discuss with excellent project managers from different industries how to manage projects

successfully, to review real case documents and management tools, and to get lots of best practices, which are valuable to make great improvement to our projects” says Prof. Ding Ronggui. And Mr. Venkatesh (India) adds that site visit provides an exciting opportunity to know and understand people (both assessors and applicant) from different countries, regions, cultures, traditions etc.: “A real life experience!”

For another experienced Team Lead Assessors Greg Dzwonnik (Poland) working with the best projects in the world is something he values most highly in assessors’ work: “it is absolutely great feeling to be in the front line and





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observe companies which shapes PM body of knowledge. As an assessor I have a great chance to learn from the mistakes of others and, what is even more important, I am inspired by the best professionals." That is what Suraj Dahal (Nepal) described as a unique opportunity to contribute as well as gain: "you bring your expertise and insights. In return, you widen your horizon and network."

Being the assessor pays back in your daily work as well. Sabine Wallstein (Germany) stressed: "because of the experiences I gathered as assessor I feel more secure and competent in my role as project management coordinator.

I am able to fall back on a range of different outstanding projects worldwide and the project excellence model we use at IPMA benefits my daily work."

Prof. Rajat Baisya likes that each project is unique in its character, deliverables, complexity and resources. Therefore, working as an assessor provides new learning in terms of how the local project management team has addressed those issues in a given situation. There is always a better way of doing things and thus assessor gets to know how projects are managed and project management practices are evolving in different socio- cultural

set up. Integration of these knowledge provides new insights to an assessor.

Now the IPMA gives an opportunity to become an assessor for the 2014 competition by organizing assessors training Warsaw, Poland on 21-23 February 2014

So please do not hesitate and visit our web site for more information: <http://ipma.ch/awards/project-excellence/pe-award-assessors/> or contact the Award Office award@ipma.ch.

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