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APMSA Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held on tentatively 16:00 Friday 30th March 2007. The meeting venue will be at the office of APMSA at physical address as shown in the header.

Invitation to attend will be sent out at least 21-days in advance.

A new board will be chosen. Paid-up members are encouraged to participate to make a difference in the pm landscape.

- The financials of last year will be tabled and the management accounts for this year will be presented.
- The APMSA constitution is to be aligned with the APMSA statutory documents. The proposed revised constitution will be circulated to members. This is a requirement for good governance and a step towards ISO 17024 compliance.
- Cooperation with other professional bodies needs to be enhanced. Policy needs to be determined.
- APMSA is a professional body of choice and this momentum must be increased.
- We have an excellent product, and a mission in Southern Africa to bring this world-class product to its members. Marketing strategies needs to be reviewed.
- The relationship with SAPMO needs to be unpacked and APMSA should consider in which direction it wants SAPMO to move. (SAPMO is the SA federation of professional pm bodies comprising APMSA, CEASA, PMI Chapter and PMSA).
- The situation at the S.SETA and the SAQA/PMSGB requires policy position and leadership. The legal and bureaucratic bundling resulted in negative perceptions that must be turned around to resolve key issues of pm competency and skills training. The role of the PM SIC/board must be taken under revision.

Project Management at Johannesburg University – Dept Civil Engineering

Lecturers at both the UJ/Doornfontein (Wits Technikon) and UJ/Aucklandpark campuses (RAU) have left to join other projects. Mr. W H Pieters was asked to assist in presenting project management courses for the final year civil engineering students.

Apart from the tools and methods the students will be exposed to, they will also be exposed to life skills typically required in project management. The students will be working for their practical assignments in a laboratory and will have to do a series of assignments.

Preparation had to be done to adjust courses to an academic environment where greater emphasis is on the academic perspective of project management knowledge. The Engineering Council of SA, (ECSA) is the course accreditation authority for engineering at academic institutions (HET).

IPMA World Congress in Cracow/Poland

The next **21st World Congress Project Management will be held in Cracow/Poland** from 18th to 20th of June. Visit the website at www.ipma2007.com.

1100 specialists, experts and interested persons will be participating in the Congress, coming from more than 50 countries. Famous keynote speakers will take a stand, practitioners and theoreticians will take part in the panels and prominent lecturers will present their papers. They will focus their efforts on two branches in project management most craving for knowledge: **business and authorities**.

Cracow is one of the most beautiful European cities and will become for a few days the capital of the world Project Management, the centre of life of the family of nations united in the International Project Management Association.

Young crew and advance courses take place before and just after the congress. The annual Project Excellence award is given. **To date no SA company or government department participated and are missing valuable**

opportunities in developing organisational capacity and skills to deliver projects.

Any person may attend these congresses. Those members that can attend are encouraged to do so and network with leading professionals in project management at an international level.

National Competence Baseline

The APMSA NCB2006 is available to persons that are interested in this competency standard. Contrary to the PMI-PMBok and APM-UK BoK, the competency baseline is not a "knowledge" handbook or PM course, but it describes the universe of competency of a project manager in four levels. It is a holistic standard, contains a validated taxonomy and touches on those aspects that reside in the permanent organisation that determines success in the project organisation.

It is useful to HR-training departments, skills development organisations and institutions of learning offering pm courses.

Prices are being gathered for a printed version of the 150-page NCB2006. In the meantime, an A4-version is available at a cost of ZAR350.00. The ICB3 will be issued in pdf-format for those that buy the NCB2006.

The certification rules (ICRG3) will be submitted for approval to the IPMA Council of Delegates that meets in Hungary in March 2007. It is consistent with International Standards organisation (ISO) requirements for credible certification bodies. This is an internal document and is not for sale.

APMSA contributed towards the formulation of the ICRG3.

Global Panel: Exchange of PM Ideas

The need for a forum for open and free exchange of pm ideas and experiences has motivated IPMA to re-establish the "Global forum". The first meeting in the new format will be during the World Congress in June. The structure has changes from an unstructured discussion to a more targeted exchange. Under the leadership of acknowledged experts from Wien/Austria, EU Commission and World Bank officials, different session will be held during the IPMA World Congress in Cracow/Poland. This is an ideal opportunity to benchmark pm technology, quality and scope of pm practices in an informal environment.

This is a forum where competitive arguments can be raised and competitors can meet to discover common ground.

Prof Pieter Steyn invited into European universities

Prof Steyn of Cranefield College has been invited to put together and coordinate the European Master's Degree in Project Management ([EuroMPM](#)) programme offered by Universities in Germany, France (ESC Lille), Spain and Slovenia.

This is an exceptional achievement for a APMSA colleague from Africa to be invited into the heart of Europe for no other reason than of excellence.

APMSA nominated Prof Steyn as a board member of the IPMA Research Management Board.

APMSA wish him well with these appointments.

This development shows that in EU, PM is regarded seriously. Multi-nation EU agreements permitted this development. In SA, we are far away from a concentrated effort to address the "critical skill" shortage and organisational maturity that plagues industry and government.

This development shows that in SA, knowledge and technologies exists that can be harnessed; if not by South Africans, then by others.

Project Management at S.SETA.

All the project management guiding policy-making bodies have been dissolved by the S.SETA CEO on the basis that they are not constituted properly by the Service SETA in accordance with the act and because of levy paying contributors legislated by the Minister of Finance! In this process, the board which was dedicated and knowledgeable was dissolved.

SAPMO has the task to interact with the S.SETA in an attempt to resolve the matter. Robert Best is following through with the help of Graham Campbell.

At the SAQA PM SGB (Standards Generating Board), matters are worse. The PM SGB has been dissolved and Lesley Ryder is attempting to resurrect it.

A new Business Services Chamber manager (Ms. L Mophiring) has been appointed at Services SETA. **APMSA wishes her well in this position.**

We trust that fresh initiatives will follow from her leadership. This is a difficult task to formulate policy and deliverables, navigate through the expectation of learners, the demands from Dept of Labour, and the needs of government and industry; all under a simplistic legal framework that is based on a model of employer and employees.

Einstein remarked: "make things as simple as possible – but never too simple".

IPMA and GAPPS

IPMA assessors had, during an internal workshop, a session on the so-called performance based project management assessment system. The analysis is available from the APMSA office for those that have an interest in the merits of the various systems.

Access to the restricted areas of the IPMA Website

The IPMA website will be adjusted to make use of the technologies that is offered by Microsoft SharePoint. Once this is in place, APMSA will make available an access key for APMSA members to go to restricted areas. There publications like the IPMA Yearbook can be found and other useful documents.

