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BREAKING NEWS

IPMA World Congress Johannesburg 2010

APMSA presented a successful case to the IPMA Council to host the 24th IPMA World Congress in 2010 in South Africa/Johannesburg. The congress will take place three days after the FIFA World Cup Final. The IPMA Congress dates are 14 – 16 July, 2010 in Johannesburg. **Make a note in your diary now!**

This provides opportunity for all project managers and those interested in management to share and learn from a selected and wide range of practicing experts and researchers. Networking opportunities are created to allow you to meet colleagues and experts in project management.

Key note speakers will give vision and direction on matters now critical for the project management profession and those aspects of our society that project managers can influence.

Workshops and presentations will provide platforms where project managers and experts can put forward ideas to help understand project management tasks better. You will have the opportunity to interrogate speakers and confront them with the African reality.

Africa is rich in resources; notwithstanding it is the poorest continent on the planet. The IPMA World Congress 2010 has its mission statement:

Make a difference

to poverty and economic development by “managing by projects”, applying project management tools and techniques, behave professionally, and make decisions within the contextual environment that is appropriate.

The IPMA World Congress 2010 places an obligation on South African project managers and business. It provides an opportunity to showcase South Africa and Africa that we are open for business and human

development. It provides a unique opportunity to give the world an AFRICA GOOD NEWS story.

It is now up to us to sell Africa to the rest of the world.

The IPMA congress is the main event on the world project management annual calendar. Countries and companies showcase themselves at these events. We will call on APMSA members and other experts to assist in making the IPMA World Congress 2010 a remarkable event especially after the FIFA World Cup final.

More developments will follow as the congress programme develops. **Watch this space.**

IPMA World Congress 2009 Helsinki

The next 23rd **World Congress for Project Management will be held in Finland / Helsinki** in June 2009. Please visit the website at www.refresh09.com for more information.

The IPMA World Congress 2009 has a mission: **refreshing** the project management experience, helping to inspire the people who inspire the industry to develop around the world.

IPMA World Congress 2008 Rome

The IPMA World Congress in Rome brought to project managers several aspects home. The Congress in Rome was successful. Tony Ruttermann explained how he built 200 bridges across rivers in under-developed parts of the world with the help of the local population and local materials. He succeeded where governments failed. He received a standing ovation from the audience of more than 1.000 people.

Another aspect that was of particular interest was presented by Riamo Huebner from Volkswagen explaining the Spiral Dynamics model of human behaviour, in particular behaviour styles of project managers.

Application of Cost Management, Scheduling, CAD and Risk management were demonstrated. The Italians used the opportunity to showcase the depth of civilization and art that evolved during the time of the Roman Empire.

APMSA Annual General Meeting

We had our AGM on Friday 9th January, 2009 at the office of APMSA in Randburg. The financial reports were submitted and approved. The board remains as before.

APMSA fees were increased to accommodate the inflation rate of 9% and the exchange rate fluctuation due to the weakening ZAR-currency against the EURO.

The APMSA website is now accessible.

APMSA PM Training Programme

APMSA is now offering training that leads to a possibility for participating in the IPMA PM 4-L-C programme.

Courses consistent with the ICB3 will start in April 2009. Further announcements will follow in the next months.

PM training courses are weak.

A commissioned study by a large company was done and the results indicate that the project management training courses offered in South Africa falls short in depth and scope to provide candidates with a sound foundation in project management. While the MBA business schools abound, they provide a superficial treatment of the subject.

IPMA and GAPPS

IPMA has the clear policy that all parties that has an interest in project management should participate in the IPMA activities. Last year IPMA and GAPPS reached an agreement for recognition of the various systems.

APMSA has analysed the GAPPS process and deliverables and came to the conclusion that the work effort exceeds the benefits. GAPPS is therefore excluded from the APMSA Programme. Services SETA and PMSA promotes GAPPS.

Programmes of Choice

IPMA PM 4-L-C and PMI-PMP remains the offerings of choice. The IPMA PM 4-L-C can be judged higher than an MBA degree because of the added dimensions of personal Behaviour, Experience relevance and the necessary Contextual knowledge.

PMI-PMP is excels for non-complex projects, and as such is recognised by APMSA-Sert as an entry level knowledge for IPMA PM 4-L-C for Level-D and Level-C certification.

Access to the restricted areas of the IPMA Website

APMSA members that wish to explore the IPMA website will need a USERNAME and PASSWORD to gain access to the website and the library. Should you wish to have access, please contact Tembie at tembie@whp.co.za for your Password and Username.

Only paid up members will be given the access.

Certification Developments

NEWAPMSA-Sert Evaluates project managers

APMSA-Sert offers to evaluate project manager skills against the international accepted ICB3 taxonomy. This evaluation provides individuals and companies with the knowledge of their project management competence measured against the IPMA ICB3 standard. The evaluation requires about two days of pre-work, and one day of knowledge examinations and evaluations. This is not PM certification. It guides individuals and personnel managers to close the gaps in their pm skills and resource pool.

The world financial crisis was the making of Wall Street bank managers most likely educated at Harvard with MBA degrees, and a USA government that failed in its regulatory obligations. This is a prime example of knowledge excellence and incompetence in managing a capitalistic economy. This situation however not unique to Wall Street or the USA. It is visible throughout the world, including in Africa and South Africa.

The IPMA PM 4-L-C programme is the only management programme that combines Knowledge, Behaviour and Experience as Competence in a unique certification programme.

NEWBlended learning

Many companies cannot afford that their managers be absent from work for several days or weeks attending courses. Blended Learning makes it possible to minimize out-of office days.

Blended learning is a learning method which combines group-meetings, lecture notes and assignments in combination with internet contact. The benefit is a combination of scheduled work, interviews and contact mostly from your home base. Blended Learning can result in IPMAPM 4-L-C Level-D certification.

APMSA is presently upgrading its IT infrastructure to facilitate Blended Learning. The Blended Learning support system has been tested in Europe and after refinements; it will be available in SA in the next months.

NEW....Third party Training Course accreditation

Individual companies that believe they have a substantial PM course may apply to APMSA for an evaluation of their course in terms of the ICB3. These course may then receive a APMSA-Sert accreditation that it is compatible to the IPMA Competence baseline and that students succeeding in the examinations will receive the IPMA Level-D competence certificate.

NEW.....IPMA Registered Education Programme

Companies can register their project management training programmes with IPMA. They can use the IPMA logo as a marketing tool for the promotion of their courses. The training courses should comply with the ICB3 framework.