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PMI Launches New Online Community

PMI is pleased to announce it has launched the PMI Online Community at <http://communities.pmi.org>. Several secure Online Community Sites have been established for user groups who actively engage in information sharing. Within the online community environment, project management practitioners, PMI members, Headquarters staff and other designated Online Community users may have access to a number of Online Community & Collaboration Sites.

The overall benefits of the PMI Online Community will be:

- Centrally located information related to PMI topics of interest;
- An avenue for users to easily communicate with one another;
- The ability for virtual teams to collaborate easily and effectively;
- Secure information sites accessible only to those users with appropriate permission;
- An opportunity, through public access, for the greater community to gain a more complete understanding and appreciation for both PMI and the project management profession;

Visit the PMI Online Community homepage today to learn more about the community and its benefit to both PMI and the project management profession.

In the News

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PMI Friday Facts and Leadership Links*

- *PMI has been elected to the 2003 Associations Advance America Honor Roll!* Associations Advance America is a United States awards competition sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) in Washington D.C., USA. PMI received this award for its work in advancing its Project Management Professional (PMP®) Certification Program in China. PMI has been working with China's State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs (SAFEA) to introduce PMI Standards and Certifications on behalf of the project management profession in China. This work with the PMP Certification Program has been recognized for its support of the global community of project management practitioners. (mike.price@pmi.org)
- *Redesigned Web site draws a record number of visitors!* Unveiled in October, the newly designed PMI Web site responded by drawing more visitors to the site than in any previous month of PMI's existence! In all, 398,326 visitors came to our site to browse, buy or be better informed about project management. Another plateau was reached this October in that, with a full two months to go, we managed to eclipse the total site hits in all of 2001 (3,580,711). As of 30 November 2002, the PMI Web site has amassed 3,934,433 visitors for the year, which means in 2002 PMI will break the four million-visitor mark for the first time ever! (rich.cavallaro@pmi.org)
- *What's the secret to successfully selling project management to senior executives?* You'll learn them all in an invaluable new book from PMI entitled *Selling Project Management to Senior Executives: Framing the Moves that Matter*, authored by Janice Thomas, PhD, Connie L. Delisle, PhD and Kam Jugdev. Through structured interviews and factor-analyzed survey results, the authors mix science and great writing with some of the profession's best advice to offer you new, practical and revealing tips on how to sell senior executives on the importance and benefit of project management in meeting strategic business objectives. This "must read" book is coming in January, but you can advance order it now! Visit the PMI online bookstore today at www.pmibookstore.org! (danielle.moore@pmi.org)

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TIME TO PLAN 2003 PM SEMINARS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2003 SEMINARS WORLD

See www.pmi.org for details

Location	Dates
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	14-17 April 2003
Boston, Massachusetts, USA	22-25 July 2003
Burlington, Vermont, USA	15-18 July 2003
Cancun, Mexico	25-28 February 2003
Chicago, Illinois, USA	6-9 May 2003
Chicago, Illinois, USA	26-29 August 2003
Dallas, Texas, USA	21-24 October 2003
Denver, Colorado, USA	10-13 June 2003
London, England	2-5 September 2003
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA	20-23 May 2003
Montreal, Quebec, Canada	24-27 June 2003
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA	15-18 April 2003
New York City, New York, USA	18-21 November 2003
Orlando, Florida, USA	11-14 November 2003
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA	19-22 August 2003
San Diego, California, USA	8-11 April 2003
San Diego, California, USA	9-12 December 2003
Scottsdale, Arizona, USA	22-25 April 2003
Scottsdale, Arizona, USA	4-7 November 2003
Seattle, Washington, USA	8-11 July 2003
Shanghai, China	14-17 October 2003
Sydney, Australia	7-10 October 2003
Tampa, Florida, USA	25-28 March 2003
Washington, DC, USA	5-8 August 2003

BEST PRACTICES REFERENCE FOR STATE IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Missouri Office of Information Technology offers reference material for IT Project Management in its Missouri Project Management Best Practices Manual. Practices in this valuable reference can be applied to projects other than IT. The manual is available at the OIT web site: www.oit.state.mo.

Mid-MO Chapter member Viral Chawda passed the PMP Certification Exam in November. Viral took advantage of attending some of the chapter's earlier PMP Certification Exam preparation workshops.

Congratulations, Viral Chawda, PMP!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NEXT CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 16, 2003

March 20, 2003

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- *Project Management Professional (PMP) Examination research leads PMI to Mainland China!* Denny Smith, PhD, Manager, Certification Program, working closely with the China State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs, hosted a PMP examination item-writing session in Beijing, China on 14 and 15 December. This was PMI's first item-writing meeting on mainland China. An ongoing maintenance activity, PMI routinely holds similar sessions around the globe to develop additional examination questions to add to the PMP examination item bank from which the examination questions are randomly generated. Attendees from this meeting were from China, India, Japan, Korea and Singapore, a reflection of the global nature of the PMP. PMI appreciates the volunteer effort that each individual put forth to be involved with this very successful event. (laurie.cooke@pmi.org)
- *The latest issue of PM KnowledgeWire is now available.* The December issue of *PM KnowledgeWire*, the quarterly newsletter of the PMI® James R. Snyder Center for Project Management Knowledge & Wisdom, is available in the Members Only section of the PMI Web site. This must-read issue features timely and very useful information about project offices, responses from members on the question of project management vs. technical skills, and pointers to IT metrics reports. For more information about *PM KnowledgeWire*, please contact nila.sathe@pmi.org. To learn more about the Knowledge & Wisdom Center, visit http://pmi.org/info/PIR_KWCOverview.asp?nav=0603.
- *How do you rate yourself as a leader?* Here's a great way to find out. PMI is now accepting applications for the PMI Leadership Institute Class of 2004. The Leadership Institute is a year long learning journey designed to develop, utilize and mentor a growing corps of well-trained organizational leaders. It is divided into six learning segments, each one building upon the others. Participants meet three times a year: initially at a stand-alone seminar in August 2003; then during the March 2004 Leadership Meeting; and again in conjunction with the PMI Global Congress 2004-North America. Participants also engage in virtual learning through audio-conferences and Web seminars. Application materials and additional information are available on the PMI Web site. Check the News section on the homepage and click on the link to the PMI Leadership Institute. Questions regarding the Leadership Institute should be directed to Worldwide Component Affairs. (anne.jenemann@pmi.org)
- *Celebrating the best in project management and PMI!* The 2003 Call for Nominations for the PMI Professional Awards Program, including the 2003 PMI Project of the Year, has now been published. Look on the PMI Web site under 'About PMI' or in your December issue of *PM Network*® to access the information and to learn how you can participate in this time honored tradition. (sandra.ardis@pmi.org)

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- *2002 Corporate Council's Executive Forum addresses key issues affecting project management.* Senior executives representing PMI's Corporate Council partners gathered in Bal Harbour, Florida USA from 13-16 November to learn about cutting-edge issues affecting their organizations and dialogue on how these and other issues, both current and future, will affect the project management profession. Presentations were made by Debbie O'Bray, CIM, and Ken Hartley, PMP, PMI Fellow, PMI Board Chair and Vice Chair effective 1 January 2003 respectively, on the PMI Board of Directors' Strategic Plan for the Institute. In addition, Laurie Cooke, PMI Director, Professional Programs, outlined current and future products and services planned by PMI, including the Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3™). The Forum also featured Jennifer James, Ph.D., and George Labovitz, Ph.D., who discussed how alignment and leadership are keys to managing change in today's organizations. Look for more information about the Forum in the February issue of *PMI Today*®. For questions about the Corporate Council, please contact Megan Mitchell, PMI Corporate Council Administrator. (megan.mitchell@pmi.org)
- *PMI welcomes your expertise for PMI Congress 2003-Europe!* Be a presenter at PMI's newest learning, networking and project management event! It is scheduled for 22-26 May 2003 in Den Haag (The Hague), The Netherlands. The "areas of focus" for presentations are: "Enterprise Project Management," "Emerging Topics in Practice," "Project Management Culture," "Direct Applicable Skills," "The Essentials," "Multicultural Project Management," "Management in the European Union," and "What's Cooking?" Descriptions of these areas of focus along with possible presentation topics, presentation formats and requirements can be found at www.pmi.org by clicking on the PMI Congresses link under the Professional Programs and Careers menu. Submitting a proposal is easy and convenient – online via the PMI Web site. To be considered, your submission(s) must be in by 5:00 p.m. (US Eastern Time) on Friday, 20 December 2002. (congressspeakers@pmi.org)
- *Getting closer to 100,000! PMI membership increases by more than 2,000 in October!* PMI established a new record for prospective members using the association's online membership application. This increase in October brings PMI closer to reaching the amazing 100,000-member milestone! There's no better time than now to encourage prospective members to join PMI and have a chance at being PMI's esteemed 100,000th member. Also, be sure to enter the 100,000th-member contest at www.pmi.org for a chance to win valuable prizes. (jennifer.mansi@pmi.org)

PMI SUPPORTS 17-th World Congress on Project Management IPMA Moscow 2003

The 17-th IPMA World Congress on Project Management "PROJECT-ORIENTED BUSINESS AND SOCIETY" will be held in Moscow, Russia on June 4 – 6 2003.

The following USA professionals have sent their abstracts to attend the Congress as speakers:

- Amnon J. Golan, The World Bank
- David I. Cleland, School of Engineering University of Pittsburgh
- David Pells, Infinite Technology Corporation
- Edward J. Fern, PMI, PMP, Time-to-Profit, Inc
- Frank T. Anbari, PMP, The George Washington University
- George Lowden, PMP, ICF Consulting Group, Inc
- Hans J. Thamhain, Bentley College
- Hugh Woodward, PMI, The Procter & Gamble Company
- Jang W. Ra, PMP, School of Engineering, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Kemal Cakici, Maria Romanova, The George Washington University
- Lawrence V. Suda, PMI, Management Worlds, Inc.
- Morgan Henrie, PMP, MH Consulting, Inc., Oliver Hedgepent,, University of Alaska Anchorage
- Nathali Udo, PMP, Sonja Koppensteiner, Projectway
- Patrick E. Patterson, Iowa State University
- Robert Kimmons, PMP, Kimmons-Asaro Group Limited, Inc
- Russell D. Archibald, PMI Fellow, PMP, Archibald Associates
- Steve Fahrenkrog, PMI, PMP,
- Saleh M. Ibrahim, PMP, TPC Consulting Corporation
- Timothy I. Mills, PMP, Team Strategy, Inc
- Vittal Anantatmula, The School of Business and Public Management, The George Washington University
- J. LeRoy Ward, Raed Haddad, ESI International
- Edward Chudnovsky, Harry W. Jarnagan, Icenogle Construction Manager

PMI supports Congress 2003 in Moscow with the following:

- information support;
- attendance of PMI professionals at the Congress;
- participation of PMI official representatives in the Congress;
- participation in the exhibition;
- setting up a bookstore;
- attracting attendants from the PMI;

At the PMI Annual Seminars & Symposium in San Antonio this October a decision was made for the Moscow Chapter of the PMI to act as a Co-Organizer of the Congress.

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- *PMI meets high standard! PMI Certification Program Department earns ISO 9001 renewal.* On 6-7 November 2002, PMI's Certification Program Department successfully completed a two-day renewal audit with the Bureau Veritas Quality International (BVQI)-North America (NA) Inc. BVQI (NA) Inc., registers the Quality Management System of PMI's Certification Program Department as conforming to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9901:1994 ANSI/ISO/ASQ Q9001. The recognition is for the development, maintenance, evaluation, promotion and administration of a rigorous, examination-based certification program for Project Management Professionals (PMP®). PMI's Certification Program Department is the first department of its kind globally to meet these certification criteria. This certification was renewed through 1 September 2003. (iesha.brown@pmi.org)
- *Mark Langley named Managing Director of PMI.* PMI Chief Executive Officer Gregory Balestrero is pleased to announce the promotion of Director of Finance & Administration Mark Langley to the position of Managing Director, effective 1 November 2002. Langley joined PMI in January 2002 and has over 20 years of experience in financial management, international business dealings, strategic planning, acquisition planning and implementation, shareholder and investor relations, and information technology planning and management. The title of Managing Director is new and was changed from Associate Executive Director in an effort to align to recent changes to the CEO title and provide consistency with the director titles at PMI Headquarters. The change is also reflective of the use and applicability of the managing director title in the global environment within which PMI increasingly operates. (gregory.balestrero@pmi.org)
- *Professional development right at your fingertips!* PMI is pleased to announce the release of the redesigned "Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.) Directory Search" on the PMI Web site. Now you can search the most current listing of over 700 Registered Education Providers by name, country, city, state/province and distance education capabilities. Best of all, you get a direct link to each Provider's registered programs. All R.E.P.s, including PMI Components, are included in this new and improved database. For more information visit the R.E.P. Web site at <http://129.15.124.26/pmi/provider/new/providersearch.html>. (leslie.igham@pmi.org)

PRESIDENTIAL ADVICE...

"Take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly, and try another. But by all means, try something." Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 – 1945)

CHAPTER MEMBER DEVELOPS TOOL TO ALIGN PROJECT COST DATA WITH FISCAL YEAR

Project management practitioners who would like to align project cost data and performance reporting to their organization's fiscal year may do so by following the steps described in an article in the November-December issue of "Projects at Work" magazine. The steps are in the "Get Aligned" article on page 42, which was authored by chapter VP of Communications, Frank Cox.

The article describes how to use Microsoft Excel to convert calendar dates into correlating fiscal week numbers using an algorithm that Frank developed and chose to share. "It took me quite some time to figure out the logic necessary to do the conversion. I developed multiple logic tables and tested each. Some worked fine within a standard year but not over multiple years. Some worked perfectly within a leap year but not in a standard year," he said. "Finally, I decomposed each of the draft formulas I came up with, then I took the best elements from several of them and reassembled the elements into a calculation that handles conversion correctly within a standard year and leap year, and over multiple years."

Frank spotted a tiny but significant typo in the published article and brought it to the magazine editor's attention, along with a request for a correction that should be published in the next issue. "In the main algorithm included in the article (located just above the bottom paragraph in the first column) a minus sign apparently got dropped in typesetting," Frank said. "Without the minus sign the formula will not work properly. Experienced users of Excel may spot the missing operator and may also be able to figure out it should be a minus sign, but novice users probably will not. The minus sign belongs between the first two cell references included in the formula—between A3 and \$B\$1, to correct it to A3-\$B\$1."

Frank incorporated the conversion formula into a database he built to track and report on internal consulting costs. He is able to custom filter and sort the database many new ways including, for example, for hours worked by resource or group, by project and phase, within any specified fiscal period. "The work was worth the personal time I put into it," he said, "and I am pleased to be able to give project managers a way to improve their analysis and performance reporting capabilities."

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Chapter members who make a contribution to the profession are encouraged to bring their contribution to the attention of the Chapter Board, so the Board may share the good news with all members. The Board also encourages members to write for publication and help PMI and the chapter meet the primary objective of "Building professionalism in project management"®.