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## **Louis Mercken appointed Global Advisor for PM World in Belgium**

***PMI Fellow and former Chair of PMI Board of Directors added to global project management advisory team for PM World Journal and Library***

29 October 2014 – Dallas, TX, USA and Brussels, Belgium – PM World has announced that **Louis Mercken** has been appointed a global advisor for the organization. He is a former Chair of the board of directors of the Project Management Institute (PMI®), a PMI Fellow, and a long-time professional leader in Belgium. Louis joins an illustrious group of former executives and fellows of the world's leading project management professional bodies who have agreed to act as advisors for the *PM World Journal* and PM World Library. [See all PM World Global Advisors here.](#)

**Louis J. Mercken**, MBA, PMP, PMI Fellow has over 40 years of experience as an executive in large multinational companies, including European Information Technology Executive for Exxon Chemical, CIO of CSC Europe, and Worldwide CIO of Union Miniere (Suez Group). He is a former owner, international partner and chairman of the board for the Threon Group, an organization that provides services in project management consulting, assessment and training throughout Europe. In this role, he worked with large international organizations to promote and introduce a project management culture. He had more than 6,000 participants in his programs since 1997.

Mr. Mercken is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP). He holds a bachelor degree in Economics and an MBA in Finance/Accountancy. Mr. Mercken also holds degrees in Operations Research and Computer Sciences. He also followed the INSEAD Management Program (France) and the IMEDE (Switzerland) extended program for executives. From 2002-2011, he has been executive professor in project management at Antwerp Universities Management School (UAMS) responsible for the PM Master Classes. From mid-1997 through 1999, he was visiting professor in project management excellence at the International Institute for Project Management at the Leonardo da Vinci University in Paris.

A leader and volunteer for the Project Management Institute (PMI®) for many years, Louis served three terms on the PMI Board of Directors, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2005, Secretary/Treasurer in 2002-2003, Governance Committee member 2002-2005 and member of several PMI board task forces, including the Future CEO Competences Task Team. He was founder, board member and president of the PMI Benelux Chapter (1998-2001), a chapter that grew from its creation in 1998 to the second largest in Europe by 2001.

Louis was named an Honorary Member of the PMI Netherlands Chapter in 2006 for his approval and active support to the offspring in 2001 of the PMI NL Chapter from the PMI Benelux Chapter of which he was the President. He was awarded the PMI Fellow Award in 2007, PMI's highest and most prestigious award that is presented to an individual. In 2009 he received Life Time Achievement Recognition from the PMI Belgium Chapter.

According to PM World President and Managing Editor **David Pells**, "I am very happy to welcome Louis Mercken to our global advisory team. I have known Louis since 2002 when we served together on the PMI board. I highly respect his contributions to the PM profession over the years, and look forward to receiving occasional advice or feedback from him. We are honored that he has agreed to join our team."

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**Louis Mercken** stated, "It's an honor to join the PM World advisory team, many of whom I know personally and some of whom I have worked with on the PMI board over the years. The world needs more professional project management. There is a big need for more online resources like the PM World Journal and Library. I look forward to contributing and to working with David again."

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