

IPMA Council of Delegates convenes in Warsaw, Poland

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International Project Management Association (IPMA) Council of Delegates (CoD), the highest decision-making body of the first global project management association, convened on March 23rd ... 24th 2013 in Warsaw, Poland. Delegates from more than thirty IPMA **Member Associations (MA)** were in attendance. The meeting was organized by **International Project Management Association Polska (IPMA PL)**, the local IPMA MA, and hosted by IPMA PL President Mr **Leszek Staśto**.



In the photograph: Mr Roberto Mori, Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates, addressing the delegates (photos courtesy Jouko Vaskimo)

Professor **Mladen Radujković**, the current IPMA President, was very pleased with the CoD meeting, and stated “The CoD meeting in Warsaw confirmed IPMA strong orientation for moving further forward. We introduced a new CoD working model focused on dynamic communication driven by member association needs. The Executive Board demonstrated the very first results of the policy focused on efficiency, results and development of project management profession. The feedback from IPMA Member Association delegates is invaluable and will be key input for further actions. IPMA demonstrated, in parallel with the official program, once again its known family spirit based on global alignment,



understanding and multicultural respect. Our special thanks go to IPMA Poland and its team for excellent organization and great hospitality". Professor Radujković can be contacted at Mladen.Radujkovic@ipma.ch.

Mr **Roberto Mori**, the current Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates, was very happy with the CoD meeting, and commented "The new format of CoD has achieved the goal of wider participation of the Member Associations: All the Delegates have taken part in the different phases of new communication model. Also the closing function has seen the attendance of all the Member Association delegates and staff, which is not typical of all conferences. Many side meetings have been held before and after the CoD, which have added to the importance of the overall event. The advisory board meeting for the next IPMA World Congress in Dubrovnik, for example, has provided a detailed update of the good progress towards an innovative event of high professional and academic interest. IPMA Poland President and staff are worth particular thanks for the warm hospitality and for the professional organization of the event: When the organizers are always present but never called for support, it means perfection is at reach. *Chapeau!*" Mr Mori can be contacted at Roberto.Mori@ipma.ch.



Dr **Mladen Vukomanović**, the project manager in charge of the **27th IPMA World Congress**, provided a report indicating everything is proceeding according to plan, and sincerely invited the entire IPMA family to participate in the congress. The congress is titled *Finding Balance and Moving Forward*, and takes place in the Valamar Resort Babin Kuk in Dubrovnik, Croatia, on September 30th ... October 3rd 2013. The congress is organized by IPMA and **Croatian Association for Project Management (CAPM)** and chaired by Professor Mladen Radujković, President of CAPM and IPMA President. For further information please navigate to www.ipma2013.hr.



Finding Balance & Moving Forward

Invitation to the 27th IPMA World Congress
30 Sep – 03 October 2013,
Dubrovnik, Croatia

Mr **Joop Schefferlie** from **IPMA Netherlands** provided a short update on the **28th IPMA World Congress**, also indicating everything is proceeding according to plan. The congress will take place in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in September 2014.

The CoD decided the Panamanian Association of Project Management **Asociación Panameña de Gestion de Proyectos (APGP)**, represented in Warsaw by APGP President Mr **José E. Reyes G.**, will organize the **29th IPMA World Congress** in Panama in September 2015.

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gatherings of project management authorities and leaders each year. The president of IPMA for 2013 and 2014 is Professor Mladen Radujković. For further information please navigate to www.ipma.ch .

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