

Project Management update from Kraków

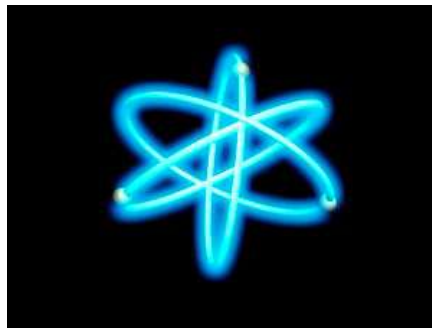


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Nuclear Power Plant in Poland - possible project of the decade

The plan to build the first nuclear power plant in Poland is a result of many factors, among which the most important is the growing demand for electricity and new environmental requirements.

The Ministry of Economy estimates that by 2030 the demand for electricity will increase by 57% to 202 TWh. Moreover, adopted in December 2008 energy package - atmospheric, ambitious EU climate policy and increasing demand for energy imports coupled with speculative price movements of crude oil and natural gas, and coal make energy from nuclear power becomes a solution which response to these issues. Do not forget also about the impact of future nuclear power plant in the Polish energy security, especially given the uncertainty of the future supply of gas from the eastern direction.



The project to build a nuclear power plant in Poland is likely to start this year with the feasibility study phase.

PAM SUMMIT in Krakow

13 and 14 June Krakow held the international conference Analysis & Project Management SUMMIT, which, as pointed out one of the speakers, James Archer, will go down in history as the first event so profoundly moving and analyzing the synergies between project management and business analysis. The organizers, the Cracow Branch of PMI together with the IIBA Warsaw Poland Chapter, made sure that each of the four modules: the above mentioned synergies, the future of business intelligence Agile design environment and the management of interactions between members of the project team was thoroughly analyzed by experts and practitioners.

In this group, there were, among others: Arie Van Bennekum - one of the founders of the Agile Manifesto, James Archer - Business Analyst of the Year in the UK, Jutta Eckstein - nominated among 100 most distinguished for IT in Germany, Joseph de Silva - President of the IIBA UK Chapter, Michael Hand - Member PMI Poland Chapter, Wojciech Dymowski - Managing Director of the Poznań Branch of PMI and many other great practitioners of both disciplines.

PMI Lean Days - Conference organized by PMI Lodz

This year's PMI Lean Days were a continuation of last year's event, however, due to high interest and positive assessment of the events a year ago, has been extended to two days filled with workshops, games, simulations and lectures on the wide subject of project management and Lean Management.

Participants could listen to the experts with years of experience, who included

- Chris Poole (Milliken, UK),
- Irena Sobańska (Department of Accounting, University of Lodz),
- Martin Żmigrodzki (Octigo),
- Paul Gąsowski (Octigo),
- Arthur White (Hypersquare Poland),
- Krzysztof Smith (BSH Group) and
- Michael Szymczak (BSH Group).

Devoted to issues related to the management of the projects, but you could also purchase a very valuable knowledge on Lean Accounting, Visual Management, the reduction of variation and quality management processes. The number of workshops and simulation games, each participant could feel part of the project team, taking each of the roles present in the design methodologies. Working on the often time-limited tasks, participants had the opportunity to improve the means of communication and management skills.

Thanks to these exercises, you could read the agile approach to project management (AGILE / Scrum), where teams worked at a specified time (the sprint), in the definition of the scope to be implemented in a given iteration (for example, the highest priority tasks, estimating time and complexity of each task). Training of team management Massawa (considered the best training in the world by PMI in 2007) led to the true story of Commander Edward Ellsberg, which included command of the destroyed port in Massawie in Eritrea, to simulate the roles of project team members and for these elements workshop PMA as risk management and monitoring of progress. Interactive game formula gave everyone a chance to use the skills of effective communication, planning and coordination of activities.

XIII International Lean Management Conference in Wrocław

11-13 June 2013, Wrocław

Three days of inspirational seminars, practical workshops and exchange experiences with the world's best practitioners and experts in the field of lean management - completed XIII International Conference on Lean Management!

The mission of the Lean Enterprise Institute, Poland (LEI Poland) is to increase the efficiency and competitiveness of enterprises through the transfer of knowledge and the development of practical skills in the field of Lean Management. One way to fulfill this mission, in addition to training courses conducted by the Institute of open publishing and consulting projects is the annual International Conference on Lean Management. With the presence of the world's leading authorities, the Conference is now important European forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in Lean Management, is an opportunity to learn best practices, gain new knowledge and establish valuable business contacts.

This year's edition of Lean Management Conference was held on 11-13 June 2013, at the Congress Center Hotel in Wrocław. The conference was attended by over 370 people - representatives of the manufacturing and services, including in particular the senior management.

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