

## **IPMA Council of Delegates convenes in Dubrovnik, Croatia** **by Jouko Vaskimo**

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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 September 28<sup>th</sup> ... 29<sup>th</sup> 2013 in the Valamar Resort Babin Kuk in Dubrovnik, Croatia, with delegates from 43 IPMA **Member Associations (MA)** in attendance. The meeting was organized by **Croatian Association for Project Management (CAPM)**, the local IPMA MA, and hosted by IPMA President, CAPM President, Professor **Mladen Radujković**.



*In the photo: IPMA Council of Delegates in Dubrovnik (photos courtesy Jouko Vaskimo)*

Professor Mladen Radujković, IPMA President and CAPM President, warmly welcomed IPMA CoD to Croatia, to the region of Dalmatia, and to the city of Dubrovnik, known as *the Pearl of the Adriatic*. Professor Radujković was very pleased with the CoD meeting, and stated “This CoD meeting in Dubrovnik is an important point for IPMA as an organization. We presented and discussed several strategic items related to external and internal aspect of IPMA organization, particularly related to governance, standards, membership and certification. The decisions made by the Council of Delegates have high impact on IPMA future, and the further development of the general project management community. Once again has IPMA demonstrated strength and creativity while focusing on vision for future. Having delegates from 55 Member Associations – from all continents – working together sends an impressive message for everyone involved in project management decision-making across the globe. IPMA demonstration of high respect and open discussions, in a result-oriented decision process is one of the greatest values of the organization. IPMA would like to congratulate and thank all delegates, and especially the Croatian Member Association CAPM for an excellent organization and great hospitality, known as *IPMA family spirit*”. Professor Radujković can be contacted at [Mladen.Radujkovic@ipma.ch](mailto:Mladen.Radujkovic@ipma.ch) .



*In the photograph (from left to right): Mr Roberto Mori, Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates, and Professor Mladen Radujkovic, IPMA President, CAPM President, addressing IPMA Council of Delegates*

Mr **Roberto Mori**, Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates, was very happy with the CoD meeting, and commented “With the spirit of moving fast forward driven by the challenges of the current world and the needs of both the IPMA Member Associations and the PM community at large, the CoD decided to organize for the first time its September meeting in conjunction with the World Congress in Dubrovnik. If anyone would have had concerns about the workload for the Organizers, President Mladen Radujković and his team have swept them away: The Council recorded a perfect organization, as the subsequent World Congress has. The team, composed only of young people with majority of female members, has proven that clever passion can successfully face even very demanding challenges. The new format of CoD has also confirmed its effectiveness, contributing to better communication between the Member Associations, the Executive Board and the IPMA members. Of particular relevance is the approval of four new full MAs, from three continents, which started immediately participating in the voting process, bringing in their respective visions and cultures. The beauty of the venues and the wonderful city of Dubrovnik contributed to make all the events a memorable milestone. Thank you young colleagues of CAPM; thank you President Mladen; thank you Dubrovnik!” Mr Mori can be contacted at [Roberto.Mori@ipma.ch](mailto:Roberto.Mori@ipma.ch) .

Professor Mladen Radujković reported everything is ready, and sincerely welcomed IPMA CoD to the **27<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress**, scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> ... October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 – immediately after the CoD meeting. With a theme *Finding Balance and Moving Forward*, the congress is organized by IPMA and Croatian Association for Project Management and chaired by Professor Mladen Radujković, IPMA President and CAPM President. For further information please navigate to [www.ipma2013.hr](http://www.ipma2013.hr) .



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Mr **Joop Schefferlie** from **IPMA Netherlands** provided an update on the preparations for the **28<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress**, indicating everything is proceeding according to plan. The congress will take in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, in September 2014.

Mr **José E. Reyes G.** from **Asociación Panameña de Gestion de Proyectos (APGP)**, provided an update of the preliminary preparations for the **29<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress**, agreed to be organized in Panama in September 2015.

IPMA CoD approved unanimously the full membership applications of the **Société française pour l'avancement du Management de Projet (SMaP)**, **Asociacion Mexicana de Ingenieria de Proyectos (AMIP)**, **Project Management Association Nepal (PMAN)**, and **Asociacion Peruana de Dirección de Proyectos (APDP)**. These Member Associations were previously transitional members of IPMA, and are now – subsequent to IPMA CoD approvals – full members of IPMA.

SMaP application was presented by Mrs **Agnès Roux-Kiener**, President of SMaP Board of Directors, who was very happy with full IPMA membership, and commented “We have been waiting for this moment since the creation of SMaP six years ago. SMaP vision is to structure, develop and promote Project Management in France. This IPMA full membership status will help us to implement this vision, serving our members, either individual project managers or project-oriented organizations, in the best way and developing IPMA visibility in France”. Mrs Roux-Kiener can be contacted at [info@smap-asso.eu](mailto:info@smap-asso.eu) . Please navigate to [www.smap-asso.eu](http://www.smap-asso.eu) for further information.



*In the photograph (from left to right): SMaP delegation Mrs Agnès Roux-Kiener, President; Mr Gilles Caupin, founder of SMaP; Mr Jean-Louis Muller, Vice-President*

AMIP membership application was presented by Dr **Benjamin Figueroa Sandoval**, AMIP President, who was very pleased with full IPMA membership, and commented on the importance of this achievement for AMIP's members, especially for those actively involved since the formulation of the initial idea of having an IPMA membership in Mexico, among them Jorge Peart Mijangos, Luz Maria Park, Benito Ramirez, Nestor Estrella, Xochilt Almeraya, Oscar Figueroa Rodriguez and Benjamin Figueroa Rodriguez. He also expressed AMIP's recognition to Jesus Martinez Almela, who guided AMIP from the initial idea to this full membership recognition. His final remarks to IPMA delegates were "Next time we will have mariachis and tequila to celebrate". Dr Figueroa Sandoval can be contacted at [Benjamin.Figueroa@amipmex.com](mailto:Benjamin.Figueroa@amipmex.com) . Please navigate to [www.amipmex.com](http://www.amipmex.com) for further information.



PMAN membership application was presented by Mr **Tikajit Rai**, PMAN President, who was very content with full IPMA membership, and shared "We are delighted to become a full member of IPMA. This celebration among 55 MA representatives also entails responsibilities for both the growth of MA as an association and IPMA as an international umbrella association. For the former, we will have increased membership while launching IPMA B, C and D level IPMA certifications next year. For the latter, with Bangladesh becoming transitioning member with PMAN's coordination, we will continue our effort to bring other countries in Asia and the Pacific region to joining the IPMA family as well as increasing involvement with IPMA's working group beyond IPMA Marketing Working group." Mr Rai can be contacted at [Tikajit.Rai@pman.org.np](mailto:Tikajit.Rai@pman.org.np) . For further information please navigate to [www.pman.org.np](http://www.pman.org.np).



APDP membership application was presented by Mr **Germán Gallardo Zevallos**, APDP President, who was very satisfied with full IPMA membership, and commented "Thanks to IPMA now we can benefit Project Directors in Perú, our country needs to have well prepared people with profound competences in the three areas: Behavior, context and technical. We believe that our 4LC model can get good people and then good Project Directors." Mr Gallardo Zevallos can be contacted at [German.Gallardo@apdp.pe](mailto:German.Gallardo@apdp.pe) . For further information please navigate to [www.apdp.pe](http://www.apdp.pe) .



Founded in 1965 and registered in Switzerland, International Project Management Association (IPMA) is the oldest global project management professional organization. IPMA is an international federation of more than 55 national project management societies in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. IPMA annual World Congress is one of the largest and most important 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](http://www.ipma.ch) .

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