

## **IPMA Recruits Assessors for the IPMA International Project Excellence Award 2014**

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*"Go the 'extra mile' in project management with your involvement with the IPMA Project Excellence Award"*

- John-Paris Pantouvakis, PhD

Every year a group of around 100 assessors get a unique chance to gain the experience in the assessment of the best-managed projects in the world. Projects coming from all industries and continents take the challenge and apply for the IPMA International Project Excellence Award. This is the annual award organized by the International Project Management Association since 2002 and it is based on the IPMA Project Excellence Model.



The assessors are the heart of the assessment process. Each project is assessed by four or five assessors **Prof. Ding Ronggui (China)** and **Prof. Rajat Baisya (India)** both experienced assessors, Team Lead Assessors and Trainers underline that being the assessor is excellence chance to work with project professionals and share ideas and lessons with them. **Ph. D. John-Paris Pantouvakis (Greece)** said that benefits start already from interacting with a team of peers at the assessors training.



The first part of the assessment is based on the application report, then the assessors meet with the project team and stakeholders at the site visit.

"At the site visit the assessors have an opportunity to discuss with excellent project managers from different industries how to manage projects successfully, to review real case documents and management tools, and to get lots of best practices, which are valuable to make great

improvement to our projects" says **Prof. Ding Ronggui**.

**Mr. Venkatesh (India)** adds that site visit provides an exciting opportunity to know and understand people (both assessors and applicant) from different countries, regions, cultures, traditions etc.: "A real life experience!"

For another experienced Team Lead Assessor, **Grzegorz Dzwonnik (Poland)** says working with the best projects in the world is something he values most highly in assessors' work: "it is absolutely great feeling to be in the front line and observe companies which shape PM body of knowledge. As an assessor I have a great chance to learn from the mistakes of others and, what is even more important, I am inspired by the best professionals." That is what **Suraj Dahal (Nepal)** described as a unique opportunity to contribute as well as gain: "you bring your expertise and insights. In return, you widen your horizon and network."



Being the assessor pays back in your daily work as well. **Sabine Wallstein (Germany)** stressed: "because of the experiences I gathered as assessor I feel more secure and competent in my role as project management coordinator. I am able to fall back on a range of different outstanding projects worldwide and the project excellence model we use at IPMA benefits my daily work."

**Prof. Rajat Baisya** likes that each project is unique in its character, deliverables, complexity and resources. Therefore, working as an assessor provides new learning in terms of how the local project management team has addressed those issues in a given situation. There is always a better way of doing things and thus assessor gets to know how projects are managed and project management practices are evolving in different socio- cultural set up. Integration of this knowledge provides new insights to an assessor.

Now the IPMA gives an opportunity to become an assessor for the 2014 competition by organizing assessors' training in Warsaw, Poland during 21-23 February 2014.

So please do not hesitate and visit our web site for more information:  
<http://ipma.ch/awards/project-excellence/pe-award-assessors/> or contact the Award Office at [award@ipma.ch](mailto:award@ipma.ch).

The Award Office is responsible for: coordination of the marketing and assessment process for all awards, including organization of the assessors training, assessors' team composition, preparation of the Jury and final reports. It is a first contact for the current and potential applicants and those who are interested in the Project Excellence Model. Additionally, the Award Office supports the establishment of the national Project Excellence Awards and Achievement Awards.

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