

## **Report on the IPMA Project Excellence Award Assessors Training**

**By Ewa Bednarczyk and Kasia Pachuta**

*"Seeing our most experienced assessors and sharing their most interesting Project Excellence stories. I guess that's what makes it worth participating in these workshops every year"* Grzegorz Szałajko from Poland, experienced Team Lead Assessor, trainer of Advanced group.

Few days ago there was the biggest training for the IPMA International Project Excellence Assessors ever organized. Over 50 people, from 18 countries and 5 continents, traveled to Warsaw during 21-23 February 2014 to learn the PE Model, assessment process and exchange their experience.



The training is conducted every year to train potential new Assessors and re-trained experienced ones to run the Assessment process during the IPMA International Project Excellence Award. This year, for the first time there was a separate path for advanced Assessors who have potential to become TLAs. "The advanced level was really what I needed" said Hossein Ossoli from Iran.



Participants of the IPMA PE Award Assessors Training  
21-23 February 2014, Warsaw, Poland

*"I am glad that I attended this training as I have learnt a lot even though I have been an assessor for a long time. The practical sessions made these sessions helpful to understand better what is being expected from a TLA. One of the best trainings I have attended. Thank you."*

Robert Wagesreiter from Austria

What participants of the training liked the most was the atmosphere of enthusiasm about Project Management, strengthening the family links between future assessors as well as meeting people who share the same passion for the PE Model.

The training was prepared by trainers from 5 different countries. It consisted of dialogues, discussion groups, case study and presentations. All of these contributed to the effectiveness of the training and made it also a great networking event. As Graham Woodward (UK), trainer of the standard group, says "I feel privileged that I was chosen to help out. It was probably the best group of IPMA trainees I had a pleasure to take."

*"I were extremely impressed with the training, the material and the management of the training. It's a rare combination to get enthusiastic, practical, keen and helpful Trainers like Pau Lian Staal and Graham Woodward. They were well prepared. Everyone felt that they did a superb job organizing the workshops, selecting thought-provoking topics."*  
Ayman Nabet from Jordan

We believe that professional assessment of the projects applying for the Project Excellence Award is possible thanks to the mature process of training and mentoring. That is why we are especially proud to hear from participants: "You have set a new standard for Training planners" (Ayman Nabet from Jordan) and "If there is an excellence training award - this training is definitely an award winner!" (Tomasz Boiński from Poland). That is how we make sure that all applying projects are being assessed according to the highest standards!

Since 2002, over 100 Assessors were trained to carry out assessment for Applicants of the IPMA PE Award.

For more information visit <http://www.ipma.ch/awards> or contact the IPMA Award Office at [award@ipma.ch](mailto:award@ipma.ch). We will be more than happy to help you being recognized as excellent.

#### **DATES TO NOTE:**

**Introduction to PE Model Webinar** - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014. This Webinar is dedicated to all potential applicants. If you want to apply or learn more about our assessment process and the Project Excellence Model contact Award Office ([award@ipma.ch](mailto:award@ipma.ch)) and [sign up for the Webinar](#).

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**Application due date:** 7th April 2014. Download application form and read more about the assessment process: <http://ipma.ch/awards/project-excellence/application-process/>

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