

Project Management update from Argentina



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PMI Chapters in Argentina are working thoroughly in developing Project Management awareness and professionalism in the region. Additionally, since 2010 the two Argentinian Chapters are following PMI Educational Foundation programs promoting project management for educational good for elementary and high school students, as well as the community at large.

PMI Educational Foundation, PMIEF (<http://www.pmi.org/pmief/>), is the philanthropic arm of the Project Management Institute, PMI (<http://www.pmi.org/>).



Within the framework of the PMI Educational Foundation Chapter, PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter developed some activities in the past years.

A team of volunteers of PMIBA delivered lectures and workshops of "Introduction to Project Management" for high school students who were participants in the "Company" program organized by Junior Achievement Argentina Foundation, JAA, (<http://www.junior.org.ar/>). Junior Achievement is an international educational foundation whose mission is to generate youth entrepreneurship to enable them to achieve their goals within a framework of responsibility and freedom.



(Photos left to right: PMI Buenos Aires chapter volunteers Gaby Aguirre and Gerardo Blitzer; JAA program participants at the conference)

Also under the PMIEF program, the PMIBA team of volunteers composed by Adriana Morando, Gerardo Blitzer, Gustavo Flouret and Julio Rossini has worked with Asociación ORT Argentina (<http://www.ort.edu.ar/>) in adapting the curriculum of the high school by incorporating Project Management practices aligned to PMBOK® as well as training the teachers.



(Photos left to right: PMI Buenos Aires chapter volunteers Gustavo Flouret, Cecilia Boggi, Adriana Morando and Julio Rossini, with (center) ORT Argentina coordinator; ORT teachers participating of the training)

PMIBA volunteers Gaby Aguirre and Gerardo Blitzer also conducted a conference about PMI's CAPM certification for Asociación ORT Argentina students, to complement their project management knowledge, presenting the benefits and characteristics of the CAPM certification and introducing PMI and PMIBA as institutions, detailing their activities and member benefits.



(Photos left to right: PMI Buenos Aires chapter volunteer Gaby presenting to the audience; ORT Argentina coordinator with Gaby Aguirre)

Another PMIEF event was conducted by volunteer of Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter, Gustavo Flouret, who gave an introduction to project management for the staff and volunteers of the Cruzada Patagonia Foundation.



(Photo: PMI Buenos Aires chapter volunteer Gustavo Flouret with FCP staff)

Cruzada Patagonia Foundation, FCP (<http://www.cruzadapatagonica.org/>), based in the city of Junín de los Andes in the Patagonia Argentina and with offices in Olivos, Buenos Aires, has the mission of accompany the comprehensive development of the inhabitants of rural communities in western Patagonia, doing this through two main lines of action: education and rural development. The foundation is constantly running multiple projects of different magnitude, like building greenhouses or editing the yearbook, always with limited resources. In that context, tested best project management practices, as those proposed by PMI, resulted particularly attractive to them.

Photos and information: courtesy of the PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina Chapter.

More information of these events at:

http://www.pmi.org.ar/noticiadetalle.php?id_noticia=262,
http://www.pmi.org.ar/noticiadetalle.php?id_noticia=299,
http://www.pmi.org.ar/noticiadetalle.php?id_noticia=425,
http://www.pmi.org.ar/noticiadetalle.php?id_noticia=263,
http://www.pmi.org.ar/noticiadetalle.php?id_noticia=208.

With the sponsorship of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, PMIEF begun activities in Mendoza at CONIN Foundation, where its founder, Dr. Albino, opened the doors to PMIEF volunteers to train Project Management. Directors of the all CONIN Foundation Centers and several Directors of different Schools of the region attended that training.

CONIN Foundation (<http://www.conin.org.ar/>) is a non-profit organization who fights to prevent childhood undernourishment, providing assistance to more than 10,000 beneficiaries, in 80 prevention centers, located in 7 countries. Year after year, CONIN projects are growing around the world.



(Photo, left to right: CONIN Directors: Abel Albino, Natalia Zavaroni, Fernando Monckeberg, Gabriela Sabio and Virginia de Luca with Pablo Lledó, volunteer of the PMIEF Engagement Committee)

As a training follow up, it has been planned for this year a mentoring program to support CONIN's project's adherence to PMI methodology.

As a result of the workshop performed at CONIN Foundation, the Rainbow School, whose owner has participated in the mentioned event, was also interested in developing

a workshop for all their 11 years-old students, involving some teachers of the school who became convinced that project management is a very helpful skill.

The next step within PMIEF scope sponsored by PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina was the training to 75 teachers of Rainbow School in a hands-on workshop.



(Photo: Teachers of Rainbow School)

The School Directors and all their teachers from the Elementary and High School English divisions, learned the importance to organize the School's portfolio applying project management tools to their programs and projects.



(Photo: Pablo Lledó, volunteer of the PMIEF Engagement Committee)

The 4-hour workshop was coordinated by Pablo Lledó, volunteer of the PMIEF Engagement Committee, and had the great support of subject matters experts (SME) from PMI Nuevo Cuyo: Benedicto Hughes (President), Gustavo Albera (Past President),

Andrés Sananes (President Elect), Joaquin de Rosas (PMIEF Liaison), Mónica Gonzalez (Past PMIEF Liaison) and Fabrizio Grasso.



(Photos left to right: PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter volunteers Gustavo Albera, Mónica Gonzalez, Benedicto Hughes, Joaquín de Rosas, Andrés Sananes and Fabrizio Grasso)

The teachers were divided into different groups, working together with an SME to identify the real programs and projects of the School. After playing some project games, each team developed a Project Charter and a WBS for a real project.

The teachers learned that a successful project needs project management processes and that these tools are easy to explain to their students from any ages.

The School's Directors learnt how to include project management in their curricula using PMIEF materials. As final comment a manager of the School said: "every student in this school will learn project management from our teachers".

Directors from other local schools were invited to the workshop, so now they want to train their teachers and students with project management practical tools according to the 21st Century Skills.

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More information of these events at:

<http://pminuevocuyo.org/noticiadetalle.php?key=YqGh>

<http://pminuevocuyo.org/noticiadetalle.php?key=Yqil>

<http://pminuevocuyo.org/noticiadetalle.php?key=Yqah>

Find more information of the local events at the **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter [website](#)** and **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter [website](#)**.

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