

Project Management update from Argentina



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During last March, in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, it was held the Project Management Institute Latin America Leadership Institute Meeting 2014 (PMI LA LIM 2014). This meeting, organized by the PMI Leadership Institute, was attended by more than 160 volunteers from 36 chapters in 17 countries.

The purpose of this meeting was to inspire and support PMI Chapter volunteer leaders representing chapters from around the world in the evolution of their leadership skills and to provide the opportunity to network with volunteers from across the globe, attend educational keynote and breakout sessions addressing critical aspects of chapter volunteer management and leadership development, learn about the tools and programs that have been developed to assist volunteers in successfully leading and managing PMI Chapters, hear the latest news and information about PMI's global initiatives and engage with PMI staff.

Leaders and volunteers from PMI chapters in Argentina participated in this important meeting, as well as leaders from the rest of the countries in the region and from other continents.

The agenda of this meeting had excellent presentations, such as the motivating words of Mr. Ricardo Triana, Chair of the Board of Directors of PMI, who was strongly applauded by the audience.



(Photo: Mr. Ricardo Triana, Chair of PMI Board of Directors at the PMI LA LIM 2014 opening session)

Mr. Mark Langley, President and CEO of PMI, presented the latest news and trends in project management in today's world and keynote speaker Eduardo Braun, raised the importance of culture of leadership in the organization to achieve success.

When concluding his presentation, Mr. Braun interviewed Mr. Langley and Mr. Triana who inspired the leaders of the region with their own thoughts and experiences.



(Photos left to right: Mr. Mark Langley, PMI President and CEO, Mr. Eduardo Braun, Keynote Speaker at the PMI LA LIM 2014 opening session)



(Photo: Left to Right: Mr. Eduardo Braun, interviewing to Mr. Mark Langley and Mr. Ricardo Triana at the PMI LA LIM 2014 opening session)

In addition of the great speakers, the invaluable benefit for those who participate in the LIM was the interaction with colleagues and the interchange of experiences with leaders from other chapters. International networking is one of the best values that provide this kind of PMI events.

Gustavo Albera, Past President of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, stated, "The more I participate in these activities and I get involved with PMI, the more I confirm that it worth the effort of being a PMI volunteer." Regarded this LIM, Albera added, "As in previous meetings, this is a space that validates and confirms the magnitude of the global impact of PMI. It's strongly motivating for everyone involved as volunteer to meet personally with people to whom we communicate virtually. It is also an opportunity to exchange experiences with other chapters, capitalizing on the different visions, strategies and actions that have served us to grow. It was again a great opportunity for networking, knowing volunteers from other chapters, making friends and contacts in many countries of Latin America, and this is extremely valuable for any professional. "

Something very interesting about this LIM was that many PMI volunteers were able to participate for their first time and found it extremely valuable. More than twelve people were representing PMI Chapters in Argentina, half of which were on their first LIM.

Such is the case of Joaquin de Rosas, PMIEF Liason of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, who commented that "It was for me a great experience to participate for the first time at a LIM and learned a lot from everyone there. I found all the talks really good and the level of speakers was excellent. And the most important thing is to have known and shared these days with amazing and professional people."

Like Joaquin, Anabella Amoresano, President of PMI Buenos Aires Chapter, found that one of the greatest values of the LIM was the interaction among the leaders in an atmosphere of joy and camaraderie.



(Photo Left to Right: Pablo Lledó, Benedicto Hughes, Gustavo Albera, Cecilia Boggi, Juan Contreras, Rocio Zelada and Agnieszka Gasperini at the PMI LA LIM 2014)

Into the agenda of the meeting it was an opportunity to share the experiences of the projects under the framework of PMI Educational Foundation in Latin America. The session facilitated by Pablo Lledó, Volunteer of the Engagement Committee for Communities of PMIEF PMI showed the creativity of the chapters to give back to the community. In the words of Pablo Lledó, "Latin America is to be a global example in topics related to projects for social good, and that's the result of the passion and energy of the Chapters of our region."

As PMI Regional Mentor of Latin America South Chapters, I'm proud of the successes of the Chapters of my Region and the professionalism of their leaders and this kind of events contributes to improve day after day.



(Photo courtesy of ForoWorldWide.com: Leaders from PMI Chapters in Latin America South Region with Mr. Ricardo Triana, Chair of the PMI Board of Directors, Mr. Mark Langley, President and CEO of PMI and Mr. Brian Weiss, VP of Product Management of PMI, at the PMI LA LIM 2014)

Find more photos of this event at <http://www.fotoworldwide.com/event/2014-lalim/default.htm>, and more information of the PMI LA LIM 2014 at http://www.pmi.org/Get-Involved/LIM/LIM_Latin_America.aspx.

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