

IPMA Council of Delegates convenes in Toronto, Canada

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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 March 29th ... 30th 2014 in the One King West Hotel in Toronto, Canada, with delegates from 33 out of the 56 IPMA **Member Associations (MA)** in attendance. The meeting was organized by **Project Management Association of Canada / Association de gestion de projet du Canada (PMAC-AGPC)**, the local IPMA MA, and hosted by PMAC-AGPC President, Mr **Alex Jalalian**.



*In the photograph (from left to right): Mr **Reinhard Wagner**, IPMA Vice-President of R&D and Awards, Mr **David Hudson**, IPMA Vice-President of Membership, and Professor **Mladen Radujković**, IPMA President, CAPM President, addressing the IPMA Council of Delegates opening plenary (photos courtesy Jouko Vaskimo)*

Mr **Alex Jalalian**, PMAC-AGPC President, warmly welcomed the IPMA CoD to Canada, to the region of Ontario, and to the city of Toronto. Mr Jalalian was very happy to host the CoD meeting, and stated "I would like to welcome you all to Toronto, Ontario, in Canada. It's a great honor for the Project Management Association of Canada to be your host. This is the first CoD meeting ever outside the continent Europe (applauds of the audience). I would like to wish you all joyful days. If you needed any help, please don't hesitate to contact me or Laylee (our event manager). All the best!" Mr Jalalian can be contacted at President@pmac-agpc.ca and at Alex.Jalalian@gmail.com .



Professor **Mladen Radujković**, IPMA President, was happy to open the IPMA CoD meeting in Toronto to demonstrate the global reach of IPMA. Professor Radujković noted “CoD in Toronto is an important proof of IPMA global action. In recent years IPMA has significantly strengthened its activities in South America. Our great desire is that in the area of North America project management community recognizes the value of the non-profit approach, competence, and respect for cultural differences that is practiced IPMA. Frankly, we are pleased that IPMA family grows and progresses each year, and we are motivated and inspired to new ideas and improvements in our work in order to better serve the global community of project management. Last year we started the organizational transition with the aim of better use of our resources and achieving our strategic goals. At this CoD delegates from around the world discuss and approve key points of our future. I therefore believe that the CoD in Toronto to be successful and remembered as an important milestone in our work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our host from Canada on a very successful organization of the CoD and great hospitality”. Professor Radujković can be contacted at Mladen.Radujkovic@ipma.ch .



Mr **Roberto Mori**, IPMA Council of Delegates Chairman, was very happy with the CoD meeting, and commented “The Council agenda covered a number of important topics related to strategy, governance, overall organization. It is matter of particular satisfaction and pride that – thanks also to both the new consolidated format of the Council and the proper preparation by the Executive Board – the Delegates could effectively exchange experiences and ideas, discuss and make all the decisions with very wide consensus. This outcome has once again shown that the capacity of IPMA Delegates and Member Associations to envisage the future, bringing the cultural differences to unity when it is time for strategic decisions, is an invaluable asset of IPMA. The continuous growth of the membership, with new Member Associations joining IPMA and starting immediately to effectively contribute through their visions and cultures, is an additional reason for satisfaction. The excellent organization of the entire event and the warm hospitality by the Council host, the Canadian Member Association PMAC-AGPC, has greatly contributed to the success. I wish to congratulate and thank all Delegates, IPMA Officers and PMAC-AGPC Board and Staff for this particularly successful event”. Mr Mori can be contacted at Roberto.Mori@ipma.ch .



Mr **Joop Schefferlie**, IPMA Netherlands President, provided an update on the preparations for the **28th IPMA World Congress**, indicating everything is proceeding according to plan. Mr Schefferlie sincerely welcomed the global project management community to the congress, taking place in the World Trade Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from September 29th to October 1st 2014. The main theme of the congress is *Innovation through dialogue*. Mr Schefferlie encouraged everyone to join the LinkedIn group [28th IPMA World Congress 2014](https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=11111111), or navigate to www.ipma2014.com for further information.



Mr **José E. Reyes G.**, **Asociación Panameña de Gestion de Proyectos (APGP)** President, provided an update on the initial preparations for the **29th IPMA World Congress**, agreed to be organized in Panama in September 2015.

IPMA CoD approved unanimously the full membership applications by **Asociación de Project Management de Guatemala (APMG)** and **Asociación Panameña de Gestion de Proyectos (APGP)**. These MAs were previously transitional members of IPMA, and are now – subsequent to IPMA CoD approval – full members of IPMA.

APMG application was presented by Mr **Bernhard Haidacher**, APMG President, and Mr **Diego Arimany**, APMG Certification Body Director.



In the photograph (from left to right): Mr Bernhard Haidacher, APMG President, and Mr Diego Arimany, APMG Certification Body Director

Mr Haidacher and Mr Arimany were very happy with full membership in IPMA, and commented: “It seems only yesterday that we signed our agreement back in 2011. Then we were accepted as a transitional MA, subject to completing the validation of certification service against IPMA internal documents and ISO 17024. Today as a full MA we mark the beginning of new challenges and the legacy of an aspiration towards excellence. This achievement was possible due to the effort of a lot of people who believed in our dream, starting with Mr **Luis Godoy** from the Guatemalan Exporter’s Association (AGEXPORT) who incubated IPMA Guatemala, our board members and certification body who have devoted a lot of their valuable time, and especially all of our members who support our association either through volunteer work or through their membership. We hope that this seed will help in wealth creation due to successful projects, becoming a key component in the development of prosperity in Guatemala”. Mr Haidacher can be



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APGP application was presented by Mr **José E. Reyes G.**, APGP President, Mr **Diwi Valiente**, APGP Young Crew Chairman, and Mr **Roy Williams Goti**, APGP 1st Vice-President.



In the photograph (from left to right): Mr José E. Reyes G., APGP President, Mr Diwi Valiente, APGP Young Crew Chairman, and Mr Roy Williams Goti, APGP 1st Vice-President

Mr Reyes G., Mr Valiente, and Mr Williams Goti were very pleased with full IPMA membership, and commented: “APGP achievements are the result of the implementation of the strategic plan presented in 2011 followed with actions aligned to set objectives and measurable results. The full MA status had proved APGP that IPMA robust project management schemes are real. The Panamanian society is being positively impacted by the IPMA best practices. The Latin American presence in IPMA will continue to grow and now through the LATNET network, the objectives of IPMA will start to materialize in the region. Our full MA status is an historic milestone in APGP and our country but is just the beginning. We feel very confident that with the support of all the countries represented at IPMA, the culture of project management will prevail in the current and future generations of Panamanian professionals”.



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IPMA CoD also approved unanimously the transitional membership application of the **Asociación Dominicana de Gestión de Proyectos (ADGP)**: ADGP is now a transitional member of IPMA. The ADGP application was presented by Mrs **Josefina de los Santos Mata**, ADGP Vice-President, and Mr **Gualberto Magallanes**, ADGP Secretary.



In the photograph: Mrs Josefina de los Santos Mata, ADGP Vice-President, and Mr Gualberto Magallanes, ADGP Secretary

Mrs de los Santos Mata and Mr Magallanes were very happy with the IPMA transitional membership, and commented “We are really proud to get this goal. To be accepted as a transitional MA is a team effort who visualized that ADGP as a need for our country. We just started our duties, we will go on until we get a stronger Association that leads our professionals to be excellent PM. We are sure the seed we plant today, will grow up and the next generation will have a guide where they can go to get competencies and PM knowledge, and institutions could find the key to be efficient and effective with well-known PM professionals, and the country will receive all benefits, in consequences, will have a better society. Also we have to thank the LACC Program, who has been working with us to carry on our goals. Participating with LACC has been a rewarding experience. Developing ADGP will make a better and stronger relationship with IPMA-LATNET”. Mrs de los Santos Mata can be contacted at JdeloSantos08@gmail.com and Mr Magallanes at Gualberto.Magallanes@gmail.com . For further information please navigate to www.adgp.org.do .



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.

The 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 .

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