

Project Management Update from Chile



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Interview with Hermann Noll, President of PMI Santiago Chile Chapter (year 2014)

Question: Could you tell us your views and experience leading the PMI Santiago Chile Chapter institution? (hereinafter PMI)

Answer: The experience of being in charge and leading an institution that contributes to the growth and development is something full of satisfaction and pride. In this sense I think this is shared by the great human group, nearly 30 volunteer professionals, who have made it possible to achieve that feeling: we provide. It's a feeling where you stay gratified.

In that sense, one of the great experiences is our tasks ahead, with a group of volunteers' peers who, from their different perspectives, are generating goals in an atmosphere of complete confidence.

I think personally, it's an invaluable experience that not only helps you grow professionally, but also contributes to improving communication skills and respect for others.

Q: A month ago was held the 2014 version Tour Cono Sur. It fulfilled the goals? Which plans are for the future?

A: Indeed, we are satisfied with our 2014 Tour, which managed to discuss issues to develop a program that is entering its fourth year. Having a central theme, with top exhibitors in relation to the topics has enabled us to offer a quality event.

That year the event was extended to two days in Santiago and one day in Antofagasta and Concepcion.

The subject line was on innovation, where we find two important issues for our profession: first, innovative projects have very characteristic adjustments due to the conditions of innovation and the application of research that we believe should be known by our colleagues, and second the same innovation by incorporating methodologies and tools that contribute to management and project management. This second point sometimes complicates the understanding of investors who appreciate them as a substitute for the management and administration of projects based on global standards.



Q: In your opinion, what is the key contribution of PMI today to growth and development?

A: 2014 year started very strongly working with businesses and government agencies, basing our work on shaping roundtables where representatives of these companies or organizations raise support structural aspects of project management. In this sense, we have patent issues for professional development, internal linkages with legal areas, safety, environment and communities.

Today, many projects have problems due to lack of integration in the listed materials that are more responsive to corporate policies that should be present and accounted for in the projects, it has local decisions of those in charge of its implementation.

Therefore we are complementing with a range of specialized and complementary as indicated in the standards that aim at precisely the vision of business and investment development workshops.

Q: ¿PMI exerts some influence on the steps of a project carried out by governmental authorities? What should be done to develop or improve such influence?

A: We have a Government Roundtable with representatives from different ministries and services. With them we have been able to verify that there are several PMOs in different government agencies that have been created and designed with an orientation of consolidators of project information.

However, the focus we have given this table is targeted to raise awareness of the post-disaster standard that was released a couple of years ago. This includes the need to act

in situations caused by natural events that cause serious impacts to citizens, such as earthquakes, floods or other adjustments.

We believe that if we manage that knowledge transversely to different public bodies, give a big step in improving the implementation of PM to government level.

Q: Compared to other similar countries, Chile has a great shortage of PMPs. What actions should be implemented in our country to raise awareness of public and private actors of the need and usefulness of having more PMPs?

A: This is one of the points that motivated us to focus some of our activities in companies and organizations.

We hope they are the ones who discover the advantages of having certified professionals and generate demand for it.

The roundtables are a contribution to this subject, but along with it are preparing seminars for a public company, where we can show experiences of cases where they can excel with analysis and assessing project success.

Q: What interests and expectations have members of PMI Chapter for growth in infrastructure (offices), social networks and benefits?

A: During 2014 we developed a significant increase in our communications, expanding coverage and amount of newsletters addressed to our members and the general public.

Along with this, we promote the use of social networks, generating an additional positioning of the chapter.

For this year, we hope to benefit our members in supporting their links with companies and expanding the theme of our workshops on topics beyond the content based on project methodologies. We will open the supply incorporating materials related tools associated with the management and administration of projects.

In all our activities, our members receive discounts ranging from 25 to 75% of the cost to the public.

Finally, the design of all our activities considering the time required for attendees to meet and share their personal and professional experiences.

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2015 Election Board Nominations

On Thursday December 11 in the second citation meeting, held in the premises of the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago, was unanimously approved the list submitted to the process, led by former chairman of PMI during 2014, Hermann Noll Veloso.

The directory for 2015 year was made up: Mario Basso as Vice President of Communications and Advertising, Mauricio Mascaro continues as Vice President of Treasury and Finance, while Jesus Soto will take over as Vice President of Programs, and the Vice President of Education and Certification will Lorena Alegre.

Moreover, the Vice President of Membership and Recruitment assumes Dennis Olivares and Vice President of Special Programs will be Joshua Tapia.



Among the goals for next year (2015) is conducting financial projections PMI, in the case of special programs will be conducted the tour and also will materialize in April seminars beginning of the year in Concepción, Santiago and Antofagasta.

The workshop will continue performing in specific areas and will look to continue the links with REPS. In the area of communication, increased management database is searched.

Another challenge over the next year, according to the new directory, is to create a Branch in Arica, such as exists in Antofagasta. In addition, we will seek to reproduce workshop to take place in regions.

Another aim is to carry out a restructuring of the concept of membership, so we will try to develop monthly meetings and conventions, and go to companies that through various lectures can learn PMI.

Finally, we will seek to strengthen the roundtables and greater links with the institutions of higher education.

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