

## IPMA Council of Delegates convenes in Dublin, Ireland

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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 28<sup>th</sup> ... 29<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the Ballsbridge Hotel in Dublin, Ireland, with delegates from 52 out of the 58 IPMA **Member Associations (MA)** in attendance. The meeting was organized by the **Institute of Project Management Ireland (IPMI)**, the local IPMA MA, and hosted by IPMI Director General Mr **Ed Naughton**.



*In the photograph: Professor **Mladen Radujkovic**, Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates, addressing the IPMA Council of Delegates opening plenary (photos courtesy Jouko Vaskimo)*

Mr Naughton (pictured at right) opened the meeting, welcomed sincerely the IPMA family to Dublin, and introduced former Irish Prime Minister, Mr **John Bruton**, who delivered a welcome address. Mr Bruton narrated the path of Ireland emerging as an independent state through its inward-looking period during the 1950s and 1960s and its subsequent embracing of Europe and the benefits that flowed as a result. He described the background factors to the rise Irish economy, subsequent economic collapse and endurance of seven years of austerity.



He also gave a brief narrative on his perspective of the current geo-political environment with particular reference to Greece, Russia, USA, China, France, Germany and India. In the context of project management, Mr Bruton supports the concept that the IPMA Council of Delegates provides an opportunity for delegates from all countries to exchange ideas on today's project challenges and emerging trends, to

enjoy networking and to sample the culture of the host country. In conclusion he stated "Ireland, as a Member Association, is proud to play a full and active role in IPMA. We welcome the IPMA family to our country and wish the organization a happy birthday in this its 50<sup>th</sup> year." Mr Naughton can be contacted at [Ed@projectmanagement.ie](mailto:Ed@projectmanagement.ie) . (photo courtesy IPMI)



*In the photograph: Former Irish Prime Minister, Mr John Bruton, addressing the Council of Delegates opening plenary.*

Mr **Reinhard Wagner**, IPMA President, was happy to open the IPMA CoD meeting, and noted "We are faced with dynamic change - in our context as well as within IPMA. Last year we approved our Strategy 2020 to better deal with these challenges. Now it's time to realise the strategy through projects and programs. During this CoD we ask all members to actively participate in the strategy program. Thus, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IPMA is a tipping point towards growth, qualitatively and quantitatively. We are in the process of finalizing the next version of the IPMA ICB and the IPMA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Furthermore, we are welcoming Indonesia as a new member and there are several more to come during this year. Let's jointly move IPMA forward."



Mr Wagner can be contacted at [Reinhard.Wagner@ipma.ch](mailto:Reinhard.Wagner@ipma.ch) . (photo courtesy Les Squires)



The **Indonesian Society of Project Management Professionals**, locally known as **Ikatan Ahli Manajemen Proyek Indonesia** (IAMPI), application for IPMA membership was approved unanimously by the IPMA CoD. IAMPI was warmly welcomed in to the global family of IPMA Member Associations by all participants of the IPMA Council of Delegates. IAMPI was represented in the CoD meeting by Mr Ir. **Darma T. Saptodewo**, Deputy Chairman of IAMPI, and Dr Ir. **Nurahma Tresani**, Head of Organizational Development of IAMPI. For further information please navigate to [www.iampi.org](http://www.iampi.org).



IPMA CoD meeting in Dublin bid farewell to Mrs **Christianne Janssens**, who has served as the Chief Administrative Officer of the IPMA Secretariat in Nijkerk, the Netherlands, for over a decade. Mrs Janssens moves on to other responsibilities within Motivation Office Support, the organization running IPMA Secretariat, and Mrs **Anne de Waard** takes on the responsibilities of IPMA Chief Administrative Officer. Mrs de Waard was happy to meet the IPMA Family in Dublin, and commented “What a warm welcome it was in Dublin! Before attending the CoD, I have heard of the IPMA Family feeling, but it exceeded my expectations. Some things in life you can only understand fully through experience. I look forward to a fruitful working relationship and hope to play a positive part in moving IPMA forward.” Mrs de Waard can be contacted at [info@ipma.ch](mailto:info@ipma.ch).



*In the photograph (from left to right): Mrs Anne de Waard and Mrs Christianne Janssens*

Mr **Roy Williams**, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of **Asociación Panameña de Gestión de Proyectos (APGP)**, provided an update on the preparations for the **29<sup>th</sup> IPMA World Congress**, indicating everything is proceeding according to plan. Mr Williams sincerely welcomed the global project management community to the congress, taking place in Hotel Westin Playa Bonita, Panama City, Panama, from September 28<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. The main themes of the congress include *Project management cultural impacts*, *Project Management Office (PMO)*, and *Project benefits realization management*. Mr Williams encouraged everyone to navigate to [www.ipmawc2015.com](http://www.ipmawc2015.com) for further information.



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 58 national project management societies in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. 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 2015 and 2016 is Mr

Reinhard Wagner. For further information please navigate to [www.ipma.ch](http://www.ipma.ch) .

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