

Project Management in Spain

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PMI Madrid Chapter General Assembly and BOD Elections

On March 31st, 2016 was celebrated the PMI Madrid Chapter General Assembly and BOD Elections. Madrid. From its creation, on 2003, the PMI Madrid Chapter has counted on four Chapter presidents (José Antonio Puentes, Alfonso Bucero, Julio Carazo and Francisco Javier Rodriguez).



Francisco Javier Rodriguez



Claudia Alcelay

This year and at the same moment that the Annual Congress happened, some BOD roles were renewed, president and vice president, Claudia Alcelay and Oscar Úbeda were elected as president and vice president respectively. That is a real challenge for Claudia Alcelay due to the continuous growth that this Chapter has lived over the years since 2003. All Board of Directors have achieved the profession to have a forum where to share, expose and discuss the daily project management news. From here we can welcome the new president and congratulations to Francisco Javier Rodriguez because his contribution to the profession during these years. Thank you and your his team.



Thanks a lot Jesús Vazquez because of his unconditional Support during all monthly meetings over these years. This service offered to the membership has allowed this Chapter to maintain their *passion, persistence and patience* during these years. Congratulations to the Board of Directors because their Management results on 2015 and my best wishes and welcome for the new BOD elected on March 31st, 2016. We must remind once more time that this year we have an appointment in Barcelona on May (PMI EMEA Global Congress 2016 and PMI Seminars World).

The event program have already been announced on the Chapter website. If you need more information you may access to: (www.pmi-mad.org).

Instability and lack of political leadership affects to the launch of new projects in Spain

I respect and defend one sentence from a former president and CEO from Hewlett-Packard (Lew Platt), who said that the worst decision is "not to make a decision". Based on the wide portfolio of projects that we have in Spain, based on the urgent need of financial recovery, taking into account the high unemployment percentage, all problems generated by the immigrants, our country should not afford "*not making a decision*". As a citizen, and also as a project management professional our current situation in Spain is a shame.

Once more time becomes evident the lack of leadership in our country, the lack of project management maturity, the huge gap between strategy and execution, the loss of control. The good project, program and portfolio Management skills are a strong area of improvement for our country. But in Spain nobody makes decisions, nobody respect election results. Is the future can we expect? Will we need to leave an obsolete Spain, with lack of

leadership, with a lot of debts, corrupted and without any change expectations? Will the people who respect the discipline, the sharing attitude, the effort, be developed and still living in this country?



The truth is that there is no answer for those questions. And even as project managers we should know how to manage uncertainty, we need good executives and sponsors who give us some guidelines to act. From all PMI Spanish Chapters we all are dealing with that situation, trying to be developed as better and better professionals to achieve a better society to live in, but is anybody else worry about it?.

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