

## **Project Management update from Argentina**



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Last month we talked about PMI Buenos Aires Chapter Communities of Interest, created in order to analyze and research issues related to project management, share ideas, methodologies and experiences, and above all, enable participants to develop professionally.

Now the news is that the Chapter has a new community of interest called "Leadership", led by Engineer Adriana Cibelli, volunteer of the chapter, with great professional experience and specialized in leadership and conflict resolution.

The aim of this community is to provide a context for creating and maintaining links between professionals to share experiences and generate specific knowledge and provide an area where it can be found related to the problem of innovative leadership in the local environment solutions. The Community aims to support continuous improvement in project leadership practices as a contribution to the profession. As the rest of the Chapter communities, the Leadership Community of Interest meets monthly with the participation of members of the chapter and those interested in the profession, having conducted a first meeting on September 19 at 6:30 PM.

Other activities developed by the PMI Chapter Buenos Aires we can highlight is the spreading of the profession in a new region of Argentina with the goal of bringing good practices throughout this vast country. In this case, this is the Patagonian Region, the southernmost area of the Americas.

On the context of a Project Management course at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Comahue in the city of Neuquen, PMI Buenos Aires Chapter volunteers made a presentation to communicate to the audience what is PMI, its objectives and activities, what PMI Chapters are in Argentina as well as Regional Communities.

The event, in which the lectures were by Mario Soruli, Industrial Engineer, and Daniel Clerici, Industrial Engineer, had an audience of over 120 people, including people from industry, teachers and advanced students of Engineering.

This meeting was convened for professionals and members of the area to approach the Chapter to give continuity to the activities initiated in this important event and to form a new community in this southern region, with the support of the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Comahue.

Continuing the dissemination of PMI and best practices in Project Management in the city of Rosario, on September 19th, volunteers from PMI Chapter Buenos Aires Community Rosario, Andrea Bresciani, Ana Ivon Berbari, Lucas Bruchman and Cesar Moschini, with teachers Sebastian Lopez, Julian Davobe and Ignacio Vizzo, also volunteers of the same team, being accompanied by Ignacio Luraschi, volunteer PMI Chapter Buenos Aires Community Litoral, gave a conference about the Project Management Institute in the Faculty of Sciences, Engineering and Land Surveying, at the National University of Rosario. In this activity, they described the concepts of project management according to PMBOK® and presented PMI, PMI Buenos Aires Chapter and Rosario Community, their operations and activities.

Another event to highlight in Buenos Aires is the "PMI Research Day: New Research in Project Management" held on September 30th. This event, organized by Global PMI with Chapter PMI Buenos Aires Argentina, presented new researches, ideas and models to solve problems in projects and an analysis on how to apply research in companies and organizations.

On the side of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, it has been again engaged in an activity with the CONIN Foundation, under the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF). This happened on September 6th with a workshop for 250 CONIN Foundation administrators during its annual meeting.

CONIN Foundation is a nonprofit organization for the prevention of child malnutrition, providing assistance to more than 4,500 children and 3,500 mothers with more than 2,000 volunteers in 94 prevention centers, located in 7 countries. Since its creation by Dr. Abel Albino in 1993, year after year, the Foundation programs continue to grow worldwide and recognize that project management is an essential tool for development.

The main contributors to this workshop were Juan Olascoaga, PMIEF Liason of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, Gonzalo Gallego and Pablo Lledó, Board of Directors of PMIEF, the latter was the one who dictated the interesting workshop.

The main tools that CONIN administrators are implementing in their programs were inspired by materials PMIEF, such as "How Project Management can be used in your nonprofit", "Project Management in NGOs" and "Project Management Skills for Life".

CONIN administration supports the use of project management tools throughout the organization and many of the participants shared real stories about the importance to implement best practices for project success.

Closing the workshop, Dr. Abel Albino gave an excellent presentation to inspire CONIN 250 managers implement project management tools for sustainable development.

Another aspect of novelty in Argentina, as I mentioned in last month's article, is that the PMI Chapters of the country, as the other Chapters of Southern Latin America, are strongly heading the organization of the Congress called PMI Tour Cono Sur 2016.

The agenda of the PMI Cono Sur Tour 2016 begins with the Congress of PMI Montevideo, Uruguay Chapter, to be held on October 25th and 26th and ends in the event corresponding to PMI Santa Cruz, Bolivia Chapter, during November 24th and 25th, and between those, the conferences organized by the PMI Chapters of the countries of Paraguay, Argentina, Chile and Peru, completing 13 events this year 2016.

As for the events of PMI Tour Cono Sur in Argentina, the congress in Mendoza, organized by Chapter PMI Nuevo Cuyo, will be on October 28th and 29th, then goes to Cordoba, on November 1st, continues in Buenos Aires on November 3rd and ends in Rosario on November 8th, completing 4 PM Days in the country this year.

International high level speakers have been announced for all conferences included in this PMI Cono Sur Tour 2016, a classic of the southernmost region of the planet.

To close this report, it should be noted that PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina Chapter marks 20 years since its founding in October 1996 and will celebrate with a dinner on Friday November 4th, which will be subject to future editions.

More information about local events of Project Management visit the **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter** [website](#) and **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter** [website](#).

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