

Project Management update from Argentina



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Once again the PMI Southern Cone Tour 2016, a multiple Congress that has been held in the Latin American South Region since 2005 with the participation of the PMI Chapters of the countries of Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay, was developed with great success.

This tour began with its first event in the city of Montevideo, capital of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay. This congress started a series of 13 consecutive events that take place in the South of Latin America during the last week of October and throughout November, ending in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on November 25th.

As for Argentina, the Southern Cone Tour already took place in Mendoza on October 28th and 29th, organized by the PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter. With an audience of more than 120 participants at the National University of Cuyo, I had the honor of being the Keynote Speaker of the Congress on October 28th with a talk about "Leading Change through Emotions".

On Saturday, October 29th, the Tour Cono Sur Mendoza moved to outdoor, at the Monteviejo Winery, where a Coaching for Competences activity was carried out, winery was visited, and ending with a lunch and wine tasting.

Other speakers of very high international level contributed their knowledge and experiences to this important event, which has been developed in the city of Mendoza since 2008, improving year by year the level and quality of the event.

During November, events were held in Cordoba, on November 1st, then Buenos Aires on November 3rd and ended in Rosario on November 8th, completing 4 days of Project Management in the framework of the PMI Tour Cono South in our country this year.

International speakers have presented their high level conferences in this PMI Tour Cono Sur 2016, a classic of the southernmost region of the planet.

International speakers include Cecil White, Member of the Board of Directors of PMI Global, Agnieszka Gasperini, Past President of PMI Poland Chapter and current Mentor of PMI Region 8 Central Europe, Victor Villar, Past President of PMI Chapter Lima, Peru and former Mentor of Region 13 Latin America South, Luis Flores, Past President of PMI Chapter Lima, Peru.

In addition, there were renowned local exhibitors such as Diego Golombek, Doctor in Biology, Professor of the National University of Quilmes and researcher of CONICET Argentina, Alexis Atem, entrepreneur from Mendoza, partner of the innovative company Energie, which develops products that use renewable energy, specifically solar energy.



Photo: Alexis Atem, presenting the products of Solar Energy that develops its company Energie at PMI Tour Cono Sur Mendoza 2016.



Photo: Diego Golombek, with his excellent dissertation at PMI Tour Cono Sur Buenos Aires 2016.



Photo: Agnieszka Gasperini, giving his talk on Coaching at PMI Tour Cono Sur Córdoba 2016.

We also had the dissertation of Ana María Rodríguez Engineer, MSE, PMP, who, although Colombian, is living in our country since many years ago, has been a member of the PMI Buenos Aires Chapter Board of Directors and is currently leading the formation of the PMI Chapter in Rosario, as well as being a contributor to PM World Journal articles.

In addition, Ricardo Guido Lavalle, PgMP, PMP, Architect Gustavo Albera, PMP, Past Ptesident of PMI New Chapter Cuyo, Eng. Iris Gastañaga, PMP, leader of the Chapter in Formation Córdoba, Eng. Jorge Gadze, PMP, RMP, Eng. Adriana Cibelli, Ezequiel Kohan, PMP, Leonor Viturro, PMP, and Pablo Cillotta, among others.



Photo: Eng. Ana María Rodríguez, presenting at PMI Tour Cono Sur Buenos Aires 2016.

It's also interesting to note that PMI Buenos Aires, Argentina, celebrated 20 years since its founding in October 1996 and celebrated with a great dinner on Friday, November 4th, which was attended by volunteers and members of the chapter, who shared experiences of these 20 years and fun anecdotes.

The celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Buenos Aires Chapter was attended by the Director of the Board of Directors of PMI Global, Dr. Cecil White, the current President of the Chapter, Eng. Fabián Akselrad, other directors of the current Board of Directors, as well as founding members, former directors of successive board of directors from these 20 years, and members in general.



Photo: Arq. Gustavo Albera exhibiting at the PMI Tour Cono Sur Córdoba 2016.



Photo: Eng. Adriana Cibelli dictating a Workshop on Conflict Management in the Projects, at the PMI Tour Cono Sur Mendoza 2016



Photo: Eng. Iris Gastañaga, presenting at the PMI Tour Cono Sur Rosario 2016



Photo: Eng. Fabián Akselrad, President of PMI Buenos Aires Chapter, welcoming to the 20th anniversary celebration.

This celebration was welcomed by the President of the Chapter, Engineer Fabián Akselrad and several former Presidents and other members and volunteers gave their brief speeches with their memories from the Chapter life.

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

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