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INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (UPYE) in 2017

At the end of 2016, International Project Management Institute (UPYE) organized 6th Project Management Summit together with Bogazici University. Project management processes, ERP in construction, BIM implementation, the effects of Industry 4.0 revolution on construction industry and the contractual issues were discussed by professionals and academicians in the Summit.

UPYE elected its new Chairman and Board in 2017, and Dr. Levent Sumer became the new Chairman of UPYE. Dr. Levent Sumer attended to Real Estate in Emerging Markets: Turkey Case panel at Oxford University Said Business School together with Dr. Andrew Baum, the Chair of Oxford University Real Estate Program and Dr. Emre Camlibel, the Chairman of Re-Pie Real Estate Portfolio Management Company in March 2017. Dr. Levent Sumer was also one of the speakers at Bogazici University 2nd Construction Economy Summit organized by Bogazici University Center for Applied Research in Finance in October 2017. Dr. Sumer also made a presentation about the new investment and financing model he developed at Bogazici University in Global Participation Finance Summit in November 2017. UPYE is planning to extend its organizations in 2018, mostly focusing on universities and professional affiliates.



TURKISH PROFESSIONAL PROJECT MANAGERS' INSTITUTE (TPYME)

TPYME (www.tpyme.com) was founded in 2010 as occupational solidarity platform. It is also a program running under NORM, Association for Training and Consultancy (www.norm.org.tr). The Institute is composed of professionals and peers, building recognition and reputation, collaborating, researching and creating awareness/standards and training, all based on qualification and volunteering. The institute aims to: **determine** project management techniques and approaches suitable to the Turkish culture and traditions, **validate and determine** the reliability of global applications, **support, defend and network** for the establishment of legal frameworks for project management applications, **support** the development of project team members and companies in terms of project knowledge areas, **determine** professional principles and standards, and **prepare, monitor and update** certificates of recognition and reputation.

Membership to TPYME: Persons and institutions wishing to become members of the institute are required to be nominated by the existing members and approved by the honorary chair. Membership requires no fees or payments. A new member receives his/her charter certificate signed by the Honorary Chair and a few additional members. Any person may leave membership upon their will. Members are endorsed/recognized by other existing peer members through signing their certificates. The more signature on the certificate, the more reputable the member.

The following activities have been realized by TPYME in 2017 under NORM's sponsorship:

- **“Project is life” Coffee Chats;** these meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month under the responsibility of a TYPME member. Project management manifest, project ethics, giant projects, courage management, etc. are some of the topics of this year's meetings.

- **“National Project Management Profession Conference UPMK”;**

Mission of the conference held since 2010 is to promote and develop the profession, to encourage the project managers to involve in national issues, to bring firms, managers and executers of different sectors together to mediate their information exchange. Presentations, poster contest and an award ceremony called “A Hard Nut to Crack” are integral parts of the Conference. In this year’s conference, held on March 9th, 2017, the main theme was “Words and traces”. Six speakers from different sectors were followed by 110 people.

- **“A Hard Nut to Crack Awards”;** were first presented in 2014 just after the acceptance of National Professional Standards for Projects Managers. The winners are selected by TPYME as per their contribution to the profession, their projects, organization and to the country.



In 2017, the following categories were awarded by a ceremony during UPMK;

- Best Project Managers – Male & Female
 - Best young Project Managers – Male & Female
 - Best assistant Project Managers – Male & Female
 - Best Team Member of the Project – Male & Female
 - Best Project
- **Professional Studies;** National Project Management Professional and Proficiency Standards (Level 5) which started in 2016 have been approved and enforced

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