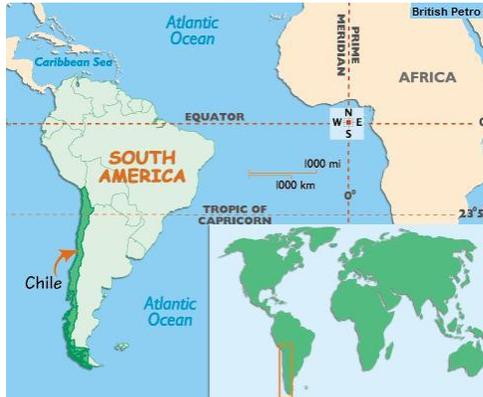


## Project Management Update from Chile



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### PMI Santiago Chile Chapter

#### *2018 Southern Cone Tour Congress*

One of the most interesting events for PMI community is the Southern Cone Tour Congress, which will take place on November 14 at Universidad Autónoma de Chile, located at Av. Pedro de Valdivia 425, Providencia, Santiago, Chile.

From now on, we invite you to participate in this celebration in the Southern Cone Tour Congress, postulating topics in the Call for Paper, attending the congress, and above all by getting involved with the various activities and benefits that we will continue to communicate according to the development of this great event.



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### *Workshop N°7: "Project management in complex IT environments"*

More than 30 people attended the workshop (July 5) held at the Andrés Bello University. The speakers were Guillermo García and Fernando Romero, who presented two topics: Project management in complex IT environments, and Portfolio Management/Project Portfolios, an executive approach, respectively.

The first presentation pointed out that the projects are not complex because of the technology that are implemented, but for the capacity the team have to manage multiple variables that often contradict each other. Today's project manager are faced with new and more demanding clients, with very vague requirements and with a general change of paradigm that forces us to put more and more focus on the leadership capabilities and strategic understanding of the company.



The second one consisted of a global summary and the benefits of the Portfolio Management for companies and organizations, public and private.

**Source:** PMI Santiago Chile Chapter [www.pmi.cl](http://www.pmi.cl)

## The race for lithium

Exploration activity is increasing globally, with lithium being one of the key minerals generating interest.

In a report on global exploration trends, S&P Global Market Intelligence revealed that junior companies invested US\$157M in the search for lithium in 2017, doubling the amount registered in 2016.



According to Cochilco, by 2021 the projected demand of lithium carbonate will reach a total 372.288t, 58.7% of which (218.633t) correspond to battery purposes. Chile

concentrates around 50% of the world's lithium reserves and could reach a production level of 147,000t LCE by 2021, an amount which includes the Albemarle (38,000t LCE) and SQM (21,600t LCE) expansion projects.

However, Australia may surpass Chile, given the implementation of the Mt Marion (20,000t LCE) and Mt Cattlin (50,000t LCE) projects, and the construction of the Altura Mining (30,000t LCE) and Pilbara (44,000t LCE) projects.

Despite Australia's considerable lithium projects, Chile remains at the centre of attention owing to a series of progressive decisions.

Source: [ChileExR](#)

## **Chile's Piñera meets with Silicon Valley's tech giants**

SILICON VALLEY, Calif. – Chile's President Sebastián Piñera met Wednesday July 18, with the leaders of Apple, Amazon, Facebook and Google in the framework of a technological forum in the United States, to analyze strategic alliances that allow the country to advance in terms of innovation and technology.

In the last stage of an international tour, the billionaire businessman participated as an exhibitor of the Allen & Company Sun Valley Conference 2018, in Idaho, attended by the main leaders of the largest digital industry firms.



Piñera, who took La Moneda in March, held separate meetings with Apple CEO Tim Cook, Google leader Sundar Pichai, Amazon founder and director Jeff Bezos, and Facebook president Mark Zuckerberg among others.

Piñera said in a statement that during these meetings alliances with Chile were evaluated in terms of health, education, modernization of the State and digital economy, "which will be very useful and powerful to strengthen our economy and fully incorporate the knowledge society and information".

Source: [Santiago Times](#)

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