

Project Management update from Argentina



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“Social Project Management Day” and “PMI Tour Cono Sur 2018”

Focused on disseminating project management practices in organizations with social purposes, such as foundations and NGOs, the event called “*Social Project Management Day*” (SPMD) has taken place recently both in the city of Cordoba, and in Buenos Aires.

This event, sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and organized jointly with local PMI Chapters and Universities, aims to bring organizations closer to project management through presentations, introduction to project management practices and coaching provided by PMI Chapter volunteers with PMP credentials.

The SPMD was held in Cordoba on October 16th and was attended by about 20 organizations, while in Buenos Aires, it was held on Friday, October 19th, at the Universidad Catolica Argentina, and had an audience of more than 40 organizations.

In the case of Buenos Aires, this interesting event began with the welcome of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Agricultural Sciences of the Universidad Catolica Argentina, Eng. Norma Ciatti, followed by the Vice President of PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter, Eng. Adriana Cibelli, PMP, who gave an brief introduction to project management, to PMI and to the Buenos Aires Chapter, and then continued with the presentation of Verónica Sala, PMP, PMI Educational Foundation Liason, to conclude with the presentation of the representative of the Inter-American Development Bank, and sponsor of the SPMD, Mr. Ernesto Mondelo, PMP.



Photo: Ernesto Mondelo (BID), Verónica Sala (PMIEF), Adriana Cibelli (PMI Buenos Aires)

The Director of the Emmanuel Foundation, Ms. Monica Perahuer accompanied by a group of volunteers from the foundation, presented the project of the Social, Cultural and Sports Club, which they are developing following good project management practices, through training and guidance received in 2016 from volunteers from the PMI Buenos Aires Chapter and the PMI Educational Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Project Management Institute.



Foto: Monica Perahuer (Fundación Emmanuel) y los voluntarios

This emotional presentation has been very inspiring for the attending organizations that have been able to appreciate the value of project management tools and good practices for the achievement of their objectives.

Finalizing the first part of the day, before the break, Ernesto Mondelo explained the PM4R methodology, developed by the IDB and focused on social projects, through an interactive representation with ad-hoc actors who represented the different roles of an imaginary project.

After the break, the event continued with the realization of a workshop where the social organizations applied the methodology PM4R while planning their own projects, with the mentoring and coaching of the volunteers PMPs.

This event was considered really successful, and the organizations have appreciated the support received from the volunteers. But the most important thing, is that the networks that have been created to allow the collaboration between the Chapter and the organizations, will last over time.

On the other hand, this month of November the most important Project Management Conferences of the region, the PMI Tour Cono Sur 2018, under the motto "Manage, adapt and reinvent a world through Projects", takes place in Argentina, as well as in their neighboring countries of the Southern Region of Latin America.

This great international event that takes place annually in 15 cities from the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, organized by the PMI Chapters of the aforementioned countries, attracts a large audience due to the first level exhibitors who share their presentations about current issues in each conference.

The PMI Tour Cono Sur 2018 begins in Argentina with the International Congress at the City of Mendoza, organized by the PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter on November 2nd and 3rd, then goes to Rosario and Cordoba, on days Novem 6th and 7th respectively, to conclude in Buenos Aires, on November 9th.

Subsequently, the PMI Tour Cono Sur continues with the events of the other countries of the region.

More information about local Project Management events, enter the sites **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter** [website](#), **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter** [website](#), **PMI Cordoba Potential Chapter** [website](#). To contact **PMI Rosario Chapter in Formation** write to email rosario@pmi.org.ar.

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