

## AFTER 2018 Project Management Update from Turkey<sup>1</sup>



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### PMI TURKEY CHAPTER

When I look back on the year that is about to finish, I see that PMI Turkey has organized many events for our members, volunteers and project management professionals. This was a good year; next year will be better.



Let's go back and see what we did this year:

- By the PMI 2.0 journey; we have determined our mission, vision, strategy, brand, and values.
- We organized monthly activities in Ankara, Izmir, and Istanbul.
- We organized a 2-day summit with the theme “Learning Organizations” in Ankara;
- We organized a 2-day summit with the theme “Project Management in Industry 4.0” in Istanbul;
- We organized workshops for only our members.
- We organized Networking Activities.
- We organized IPM Day celebrations with other project management associations in four cities.

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- We have translated PMBOK (Project Management Body of Knowledge) 6th Edition and Agile Practice Guide into Turkish under the sponsorship of Türk Telekom.
- We have created a book-reading club to come together with our members on non-business matters.
- We created a Project Knowledge blog.
- This year, we had a C-Level meeting with Murat Bıçak, Senior Vice President of PMI Global, who was our keynote speaker at Istanbul PMSummit.
- For the first time, we applied to two European Union projects, one in cooperation with 3 European PMI Chapter (Bulgaria, France, Slovenia).
- We had the opportunity to be introduced at CNN Turk screens as PMI TR. We were the guest of Cem Seymen' s program "Another World is Possible."
- We have published the Project Management World magazine four times.
- We went to universities and made PMI TR presentations.
- We gave CAPM training to senior students.
- We provided the PMIEF (PMI Education Foundation) training for primary and secondary school teachers. This education is about how to explain project management to children.
- We represented our country in global PMI congresses and made presentations.
- We held meetings with the sponsors and found sponsors to do items above.
- While doing all this, we have ensured the fiscal discipline of our Chapter in a crisis environment.

We carried out all of the above items with PMI TR volunteers.

*Reported By Suleyman Cavusoglu,  
PMI TR Chapter President*



## **ISTANBUL PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (IPYD)**

### **Interest Group Events**

#### ***Agile Interest Group;***

4 Events were held on Agile Software Development and Fundamentals of SCRUM, with participation of more than 60 professionals, where contemporary approaches on agile business conduct were discussed. For example, Lemi Orhan Ergin was invited for one of the such events, where our members were able to assist his quite exciting presentation titled “Agile For Startups: How to turn chaos into agility”.

#### ***P30 Interest Group***

- **June 2018;** Our member Özkan Öncü shared his experience and opinions on “From Project Office to Strategy Management”
- **November 2018;** A session was held on “Project Management in the world”. One of our members, Ömer Berkay Dağlı lead an opinion exchange on the current and future status of Project Management in notable countries such as USA, UK, Germany and Japan

***Construction Interest Group;*** Meetings were conducted on agile conversion in construction, during the first quarter of the year. During one of the such meetings, we were hosted by the Turkish State Railways (TCDD) in Izmir.

### **Mentoring and Coaching Support**

- Our members who had previous training on mentoring continued to provide support to other members or university students. In order to be more efficient with our mentoring support project, and to prepare for certification, we started using the digital platform Mentornity, providing for documenting our activities and creating an archive. Pilot projects were conducted to this goal.
- We assisted the experience sharing sessions regarding the Mentoring projects

done by EMCC Turkey, and in return shared our experience in mentoring projects with other companies and NGOs, making an inspiring exchange of ideas.

### **April 2018 Dynamics Project Management Congress and Construction Management Summit**

“Dynamics 2018 19th International Project Management Congress”, which is the biggest congress on project management in Turkey, and the 2nd “Dynamics Construction Management Summit” were held respectively on 12-13th April and 14 April, in Hilton Hotel Kozyatağı İstanbul. On the opening day for the congress, we were able to listen to our beloved speakers Cengiz Arslan and Uygur Doyuran from Yapı Kredi and GE Digital respectively, before concentrating on the “Undisabled Congress” concept which we introduced for the first time, where Adem Koyuncu from the Undisabled Life Academy, as well as Ahu Mine Gürkan representing the Undisabled Movement Project by Fiat, gave presentations.

On the second day, Cengiz Ultav from Innovation Dynamics and Selami Gürel from Mega Yapı Experience were our keynote speakers. Over the course of two days, almost 30 sessions were held by our speakers, with roughly 300 participants. On the third and the last day, the Construction Management Summit was held, where we are glad to host more participants each year leading to an increased interest. Overall, in 2018, local and international companies from sectors such as telecommunications, construction, IT, finance, healthcare, public, as well as NGOs were provided with a common platform to exchange their experience. 2019 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Dynamics Congress. Incidentally, we have already commenced its planning in an excited atmosphere. In 2019 (11-12 April), the 3rd Construction Summit (13 April) will again be held following the Dynamics Congress.

### **Other big Events**

**May 2018, our biannual Ordinary General Assembly** with an election was held, and took over as the 19th Board of Directors. **Our “Hello to Summer” breakfast event**, which has become tradition in the last few years, was held in July. These types of events provide a platform to integrate new members, and to discuss future endeavours in friendly manner. **IPM Day 2018**; Each November, we are among a number of NGOs organising the International Project Management Day (IPM Day). The event was held on 1st of November, where we were able to listen and chat with very substantial speakers with our colleagues.

*Reported by Zeynep Selen,  
IPYD President*



## **TURKISH PROFESSIONAL PROJECT MANAGERS' INSTITUTE (TPYME)**

The following activities have been realized by TPYME in 2018 under NORM's sponsorship:

- **“Project=Life Meetings“**

These meetings are held every third Wednesday of each month in Ankara under the responsibility of a TYPME member. We started to organize the meetings also in İstanbul bimonthly, in addition to Ankara, starting on November 2018. Our first Guest speaker/moderator is Mrs. Gulin YÜCEL and her subject is ‘Sustainability in Projects and Life’.

‘What is being done in our country regarding the Digital Transformation of the Industry’,

‘Your Personal Brand is your Art of Being Known’,

‘The Importance of Innovation and Intellectual Capital for Entrepreneurs’,

‘An experience of setting up a Project Management Office in Turkey’,

‘Lessons learned from projects’ are some of the topics of this year’s meetings.

- **“National Project Management Professionals’ Conference UPMK”**

Mission of the conference, held since 2010, is to promote and develop the profession, to encourage the project managers, to get involved in national issues and to bring firms, managers and executers of different sectors together to mediate their information exchange. Presentations, poster contest and an award ceremony called “Tough Nuts” are integral parts of the Conference. In this year’s conference, held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the main theme was “The Butterfly Effect”. There was a panel held with the topic of ‘Digital Transformation at the Industry, Industry 4.0’ moderated by Prof. Bülent Çaplı. Nine speakers from different sectors were followed by 110 participants.

“Tough Nuts”; were first presented in 2014 just after the acceptance and approval by the Professional Competence Agency of the National Professional Standards for Projects Managers. The winners were selected by TPYME as per their contribution to the profession, their projects, the organization and to the country.

**In 2018, the following winners were awarded at the ceremony during UPMK;**

**Best Project Managers**

- **Female:** Tuğba İNANÇ GÖK - *ODTÜ Geliştirme Vakfı Okulları*
- **Male:** Burak DAYIOĞLU - *ATAR Labs*

**Best Young Project Managers**

- Aykut HOCAOĞLU - *Teknopark İzmir*

**Best Project Team**

- Lassy - *Ortana Elektronik Yazılım A.Ş.*

**Best Project**

- Kolon Kanseri Projesi - *ODTÜ Geliştirme Vakfı Okulları*

**Honorary Awards**

- Deniz KURAL KESKİN
- Filiz Eser
- Prof. Dr. Bülent ÇAPLI
- Tamer ŞENYUVA
- Yeliz TURUNÇ
- **Professional Studies**

Several Project Manager Training Courses have been organized for preparing the participants for the certification exams for National Project Management Professional Certification (Level 5 and Level 6) as the Vocational Test Center – ‘YetMer’ has been operational within the body of TOBB. The certification of project managers with a National Vocation Certification was the declared main target of TPYME in 2011 at the closing proceedings of the UPMK2011. It has indeed been achieved in 2018.

We recently started our operations in Istanbul with a permanent local coordinator.

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