

Project Management Report from São Paulo



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PMI São Paulo Chapter celebrates its twentieth anniversary

It was held on November 10th the celebration of the twenty years after the founding of the PMI São Paulo Chapter.

In the 1980s, Brazil had a project management movement called GEGE (Study Group of Project Management) and even a PMI chapter, for a few years.

The history starts In the mid-1990s, through the combination of several initiatives such as São Paulo University with Professor Guilherme Ary Plonsky, CENGEPE with Prof. João Carlos Boyadjian, Engineering Institute with Engineer Mauricio Lopes, and the leadership of Marcio Prieto and other professionals from different areas was officially constituted in 1998, the PMI São Paulo Chapter.

Counting professionals and entity from several areas, such as Engineering and Construction, IT, Telecommunications, Oil and Gas, consulting, the PMI chapter of São Paulo was established in 1998.

Since its foundation the events and seminars have aroused great interest and the number of members has grown exponentially. Already in its second year of existence it received a PMI award as the Chapter that had grown the most during the period.



Current president Alex Urbano and former presidents Paulo Afonso, Paulo Sabbag and Guilherme Ary Plonski



Members of the first board of directors Mauricio Lopes and João Carlos Boyadjian and the first PMP in Brazil Wilson Ramos

After completing 20 years of existence, PMI São Paulo Chapter more than 3,000 members, the largest chapter in Latin America and the sixth largest in the world. In the course of these years, he has held 17 international seminars and and the Ibero-American Congress in 2003 together with the PMI Rio de Janeiro Chapter. The São Paulo Chapter is not the only one in Brazil. The country has 15 chapters and more than 10 thousand members and almost 18,000 PMP's certified. This shows the country's strength in project management.



Current Board and Volunteers of Chapter Sao Paulo PMI

In the 20th year celebration event, all former presidents, former directors, volunteers who have been in these twenty years and board of director and volunteers of the current management have been honored.



Current president Alex Urbano and President-elect Nelson Rosamilha

PMI São Paulo Chapter has contributed greatly to the advancement of project management in Brazil and its growth is a result of the hard work of its volunteers.

Congratulations to PMI São Paulo Chapter!

More information about PMI São Paulo Chapter can be obtained at
www.pmispp.org.br.

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