

## **Project Management Update from Argentina**



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### **“Visit of the PMI Global Board of Directors”**

Things are not going very well in Argentina. Unfortunately, the political-economic situation is very difficult and the prospects are not very encouraging.

Despite the context, country's PMI Chapters continue to work and carry out their projects.

Last July, the PMI Chapter Buenos Aires had the honor of hosting the Global PMI Board of Directors meeting, with the presence of the PMI President and CEO, Mr. Sunil Prashara, the Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Randy Black, and the rest of the global directors, who have had the opportunity to meet with local organization authorities and interact with the chapter volunteers.

The visit of Sunil Prashara to local company Techint Ingeniería y Construcciones and to the Honorable Chamber of Deputies of the Argentine Nation as well as the meeting with authorities of Argentine Trains Infrastructure Organization - ADIF has been highly valued.

The three mentioned organizations have published in their internal communications and professional and social networks highlighting the strategic nature of these meetings.

Meanwhile, the PMI Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Randy Black, visited organizations in the province of Cordoba and Mendoza, accompanied by the leaders of the PMI Cordoba and Nuevo Cuyo Chapters, and Director Thomas Walenta traveled to Montevideo, Uruguay.

These meetings have reinforced the commitment to quality in project management carried out by the aforementioned organizations in our region and serve as an example for many others.

The agenda also included two receptions with leaders and volunteers of the PMI Buenos Aires Chapter, held in a beautiful palace with tango music in background.



*Photo: President and CEO of PMI, Sunil Prashara and Chair of Board of Directors, Randy Black at Reception with PMI Buenos Aires Chapter leaders*

It is worth highlighting the camaraderie and the warmth with which these meetings were held that do so well to volunteers from remote countries, as is the case in Argentina.

The visit have had also some time for some tourism, and local volunteers have officiated as tourist guides taking the directors to the typical places of Buenos Aires City, such as the Plaza de Mayo in front of the Casa Rosada (the Government House of Argentina), the historic neighborhood of immigrants "La Boca", with its street "Caminito" and the antique flea market in the neighborhood of San Telmo, and then, have lunch in a typical meat restaurant in Argentina.



*Foto: Adriana Cibelli, Director of PMI Buenos Aires Chapter with PMI Directors Davidson Frame, Cathy LaTona and her husband Tony, Beth Parleton y Chair of Board of Directors, Randy Black at “Caminito” Street in La Boca, Buenos Aires.*

In the same month of July, the so-called “REMA”, Region Meeting Argentina, was held in the City of La Rioja, with the participation of the leaders of the three PMI Chapters of Argentina, with guests from the PMI Santiago de Chile Chapter. This meeting, organized by the PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, La Rioja Branch, had also the participation of the Mentor of the Region, Gloria Folle and the Chapter Partner, Carlos Novello.

After the activities of the busy agenda of the meeting, there was some time for outdoor activities in the beautiful landscapes of the Andean province.

Continuing with activities of the chapters, in September it will be held in the city of Buenos Aires an event that generates a high impact, both on the volunteers who collaborate with the organization, as well as the attendants. This event is the Social Project Management Day, organized jointly among a PMI chapter, in this case Buenos Aires Chapter, and the Inter-American Development Bank, with the aim of providing tools and advice on project management to foundations and Organizations that develop social projects.

On this occasion, the event will take place on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the General San Martín Cultural Center in the City of Buenos Aires. An audience of about 300 people is expected and the participation of 20 to 25 social projects in the workshops where PMPs volunteers will provide coaching to the organizations that develop them.

Also, in the City of La Plata, an event of similar characteristics will take place, although reduced in size and duration, on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Additionally, as every year at this season, the chapters are very enthusiastically organizing their international congresses within the framework of the renowned PMI Tour Cono Sur, which will take place in the cities of Mendoza, Córdoba, Rosario and Buenos Aires during the first days of November, and that will feature exhibitions by the Director of the Board of Directors of PMI Global, Roberto Toledo.

Meanwhile, members meetings of the chapters and convening meetings of Communities of Interest of PMI Buenos Aires Chapter continue, which make many people approach and know the activities of PMI.

Despite the situation that this beautiful country is going through, the activities that are being carried out show that PMI volunteers do not give up their efforts to create a better world for everyone.

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](#).

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