

Project Management Update from Croatia¹



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Introduction

This is my first report for the PM World Journal. I am excited about reporting news and information about project management in Croatia. But this first month, I want to report about the Project Management Awards and celebration of winners that occurred in late 2019, a program that I was intimately involved with. I am proud to report that the 2019 Project Management Awards program was extremely successful, with many participants, winners, sponsors and stakeholders. So here is a short report about that special occasion in December.

Project Management Awards Winners in Croatia Announced

Project Management Awards 2019 by Croatian Association for Project Management and IPMA Young Crew Croatia Announce their Winners

The Project Management Awards are a set of awards in the field of project management given annually by [Croatian Association for Project Management](#) and [Young Crew Croatia](#). The competition is a framework for assessing one's own competences in the competitive environment of the Republic of Croatia and provides an opportunity for winners to participate at the IPMA International Project Management Awards as a representative of the Republic of Croatia.

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The prizes are awarded in three different categories:

- Best young project manager
- Best project by young project manager
- Best young researcher in the field of project management

Young Crew Croatia (YCC) is a part of [IPMA Young Crew](#), the global network for young professionals enthusiastic about project management. It is a platform for young project management professionals and students up to the age of 35 and it is a key component of IPMA's growth and development of the leaders of tomorrow. Young Crew is a part of [International Project Management Association \(IPMA\)](#).

The PM Awards got a golden makeover in 2019 for the 5th anniversary. End of the year is always a good time to look back and Esplanade Zagreb Hotel was a perfect venue for the Gala Dinner that took place on December 17, 2019.

The Jury Committee (Andreja Batnožić, Hrvoje Prpić, Darija Ivandić Vidović, Prof. Davor Filipović, PhD and Boris Kunštek) decided on the winners and they were announced as follows:

Best Young Researcher

1st place – [Dorotea Markasović](#) – Standards for project management and their application in the Republic of Croatia

2nd place – [Karlo Mraz](#) – Maturity Assessment of Planning and Monitoring Construction Projects in the USA

Best Project by Young Project Manager

1st place – [Juraj Hrvoje Krašković](#) – Reboot InfoGamer 2018 powered by A1

2nd place – [Martina Radanović](#) – Good Game 2018 powered by A1

3rd place – [Igor Bergam](#) – Music festival Regius

4th place – [Luka Filipan](#) – Moj A1

Best Young Project Manager

1st place – [Luka Filipan](#) – Moj A1

2nd place [Juraj Hrvoje Krašković](#) – Reboot InfoGamer 2018 powered by A1

3rd place [Ivana Mikolić](#) – International interdisciplinary field workshop of maritime robotics and applications „Breaking the Surface“



Photo 1: Finalists (from left to right) Luka Filipan, Dorotea Markasović, Karlo Mraz, Martina Radanović, Ivana Mikolić, Igor Bergam and Juraj Hrvoje Krašković



Photo 2: From left, Luka Filipan (Best Young PM) with Gholamreza Safakish (IPMA Vice President for Young Crew) and Juraj Hrvoje Krašković (Best Project by Young PM) with Tena Obradović (Young Crew Croatia President)



Photo 3: From left Dorotea Markasović (Best Young Researcher) with Josipa Anđal (YC Croatia Management Board and international YC Management Board) and Associate Professor Davor Filipović, PhD (Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb)

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Award winning research by Dorotea Markasović

Dorotea Markasović has a Master's degree in Civil Engineering, and is currently a student of graduate university programme, department of Management, at Faculty of Economics in Osijek. In April 2019 she won, with her team, 3rd place in Croatia at PM Championship, organized by IPMA Young Crew Croatia. She worked as a student group leader in project Academy of Regional Development and EU Funds in period 2014 – 2018. She was a speaker at first TEDxYouth@Zagreb conference held in Zagreb, Croatia. She is an author or co-author of 10 scientific and professional papers.

Standards for project management and their application in the Republic of Croatia - abstract

The standards of project management are analysed. The legislative and normative frameworks of project management and their applications in the Republic of Croatia are shown. The difference between the process approach and the competence approach of project management is also delineated. Other types of approaches of project management, whose application has been growing in recent years, are also reviewed. An overview of international standards of project management is given and the practical section of the thesis shows their applications in the building projects project management in the Republic of Croatia. Project Management is also a course that is held within the study program for construction engineers; therefore, the learning outcomes of all courses in the Republic of Croatia that deal with project management in construction subjects have been filtered so as to, as a result, get n ($5 \leq n \leq 8$) learning outcomes fit to be outcomes for all educational institutions – that is, all programmes that educate construction engineers. Such all-encompassing learning outcomes must be in line with all standards, as well as in line with the Croatian Qualifications Framework (cro. Hrvatski kvalifikacijski okvir, HKO).

The analysis of these learning outcomes shows that they are grouped around the „concrete“ competences (for example, planning and supervision, strategies, management, structures, processes), mostly due to the ability to check the students' knowledge of them easier. It has been noted that the amount of learning outcomes related to soft skills is smaller. Finally, the thesis suggests unified, summarized learning outcomes. The main change can be seen in an outcome “The student should give an answer and be able to propose a feasible solution when it comes to ‘What if’ situations.” because such learning outcome should motivate students to think about possible situations and create solution. Scientific contribution can also be seen in contribution to the community. For example, academic community has benefits for teaching project management.



**Photo 4: The Emerald Ballroom, Esplanade Zagreb Hotel
Was the Perfect Venue for the Gala Awards Dinner & Celebration**

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Josipa Anđal is a dedicated and enthusiastic structural engineer in the making with a demonstrated history of working in the field of project management and structural engineering, both locally and internationally. She is completing her Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering at Zagreb University of Applied Sciences. Her area of study is focused on building construction with special interest for structural design as well as BIM (Building Information Modeling). Back in 2014 she joined few different NGOs focused on youth work where she actively started working on many Erasmus+ Youth Mobility projects.

In 2015 she became a part of IPMA Young Crew, a key component of IPMA's growth and development of the leaders of tomorrow and a global platform for young project managers. Making her first Young Crew steps as a member of IPMA Young Crew Croatia she was a Board Member there from 2016 until 2019, and a Local Organizer for GeCCo (Global eCollaboration Competition) in 2015 and 2016, member of the GeCCo Core Team in 2017 and GeCCo Project Manager for 2018/2019 edition. Besides this, she has been a Community Manager for Young Crew since April 2017. In June 2019 she joined international Young Crew Management Board and has been appointed as new Head of Communication and Marketing.

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