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The Perspective of Women Project Management Professionals

*Book of interviews with successful female PM professionals around the world created and edited by PMWJ correspondent Ipek Sahra Ozguler*

20 March 2020 – Dallas, TX, USA and Istanbul, Turkey – An important new book that has been in planning stages for months has been published, as both eBook and soft cover paperback. Titled “The Perspective of Women Project Management Professionals”, the book was conceived, created, edited and published by Ipek Sahra Ozguler, international correspondent for the *PM World Journal* in Istanbul.

“The Perspective of Women Project Management Professionals” is a book of interviews with distinguished women project management professionals, from seventeen countries, who have shared their fascinating personal career stories. The interviews highlight the challenges, roadblocks, issues and risks facing most people on projects, and emphasize the reality of gender bias.

From the foreword by David Pells, PMWJ managing editor: “The interviewees describe their personal journeys, the reasons why and how they got involved with project management in the first place... They discuss issues they have faced as project managers and project team members, issues including lack of adequate support by senior executives, unknowledgeable sponsors, lack of adequate resources, lack of authority, organizational immaturity, bureaucratic attitudes and, of course, gender bias... The women featured in this book are experts and leaders, professionals, executives and team members. They know what they are talking about. We should all listen to them. Their stories are for all of us.”

The book is receiving positive reactions among leaders worldwide. Here are a few.

“Ipek Sahra Ozguler's publication clearly shows that women are successfully asserting themselves in many areas of project management, making “their” way and thus succeeding in making history. It is precisely these examples that should encourage young women to take on the exciting role of project manager and thus help to tear down any walls that may exist. It is now really time for women to have equal opportunities in project management...” – Reinhard Wagner, Chairman, IPMA Council of Delegates.

“Ipek Sahra Ozguler’s book provides a fresh perspective to a much-needed area, Women in Project Management. The many voices of expert professionals around the world – all of them extraordinary women - presented in a very compelling way, make a strong case for the importance of women in the recent history of project...
management... I am convinced that women will play a critical role in the evolution of how projects will be managed, with a much stronger focus on empathy and softer skills. Ipek’s book comes out right on time to help us make this transition. A must read not only for women, but for anyone that wants to thrive in the Project Economy.” – Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, author, PM expert, former Chair, PMI Board of Directors

“This is a long-awaited book. The different insights from various parts of the world provide a kaleidoscope view toward the subject and help to build a comprehensive, yet diversified understanding of the roles, issues, stumbling blocks and successes of female project managers. While it builds a picture of the present, it also provides a perspective on the long way we still have to go. Reading recommended!” – Ralf Müller, PMI Fellow, Professor of PM at BI Norwegian Business School, Editor-in-Chief of the Project Management Journal

“The book is a great compilation of the success stories of many familiar lady project managers. Each of them has created their own brand. The author has created a perfect set of questions, which has helped her to present the most relevant information about the 29 most prominent ladies in the project management space. I am sure their stories will continue to inspire the new and experienced (in) project management.” – Dharam Singh, Award-winning PgMP/PfMP Mentor

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The book is available globally as a Kindle eBook or paperback on Amazon at the following:

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