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*Late Breaking News*

## Schmehr, Vällilä and Wagner named IPMA Honorary Fellows

### ***New IPMA Honorary Fellows announced for 2021 at Council of Delegates meeting***

15 May 2021 – Zurich, Switzerland – The International Project Management Association (IPMA) has announced that **Werner Schmehr**, **Veiko Vällilä** and **Reinhard Wagner** have been selected for IPMA Honorary Fellowships. The selections were announced in April 2021 following IPMA's virtual council of delegates meeting and subsequent elections. IPMA Honorary Fellowships are awarded for a lifetime of dedication to the project management field and recognition for contributions to IPMA at the international level over many years.



**Werner Schmehr** has enjoyed a 40-year industrial career while also supporting the growth of project management professionalism in Germany. Over three decades he became a champion of competency-based professional qualifications. He was managing director of the German Project Management Association's Certification Body for approximately 20 years before joining the IPMA Certification and Validation Board (CVMB), which governs the IPMA certification program worldwide. He served as CVMB Chair during 2015-2017.



**Veikko Vällilä** has more than 40 years of experience in project risk management, has worked with businesses and projects in 50 countries and has lived in five. He has provided project and risk management services in such industries as power generation, pulp & paper, high technology and major infrastructure. Veikko served as a Scientific and Industrial Commissioner of Finland, established a new operation based in Hong Kong and created more than 50 new industrial and scientific co-operation projects between Finland and China. He has served as President and Chair of the Finnish Project Management Association, and as IPMA Vice President, President, Chair and Secretary General.



**Reinhard Wagner** has been active for more than 35 years in the field of project-related leadership, in diverse sectors and organizations. As Managing Director of Tiba Managementberatung GmbH, a leading PM Consultancy in Munich/Germany, he supports executives of industrial clients in transforming their companies towards a project-oriented, adaptive and sustainably successful organization. Reinhard Wagner has published 36 books as well as several hundred articles and blogposts in the field of project, program and project portfolio management. In more than

20 years of voluntary engagement he served the German Project Management Association (GPM) as well as IPMA in a range of leadership roles, including President and Chair.



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*Editor's note: Veiko and Reinhard are honorary global advisors for the PM World Journal. We congratulate them on this significant recognition. Learn more about them at <https://pmworldlibrary.net/team/global-advisors-pm-profession/>*