

Project Management Update from Argentina ¹



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PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter celebrates its first 25 years!

This is a very special year for PMI Buenos Aires Chapter (PMIBA), this year we are celebrating its 25 years of life, the “silver anniversary”! And it is, at the same time, PMI Argentina's silver anniversary, since PMIBA was the first PMI chapter in our country and for that reason, our three PMI Argentina Chapters are celebrating together this important milestone.

We are also celebrating the great fellowship, the impressive partnership, the integration, the brotherhood that we, the three PMI Chapters in Argentina, have achieved.

For me, personally, it is also very special given that this year of celebrations, I am PMIBA's President.

As its President, I have set for my management period some key objectives; one of them is the consolidation of this joint work of the three Chapters of Argentina (I'll be speaking about this later in this report), and the other is to reach every private company and every government agency of my country but is also to get to everyone involved in projects, even when they may be not know they are effectively working in a project, with our good practices and new ways of working, with the hope of giving them all some kind of help to better manage their projects at every level and have social, cultural and economic impact. Maybe too ambitious, but it's motivating to have important goals, we spend too much time on our tasks to have simple, easily achievable ambitions!

These are Argentina's PMI Chapters, in order of appearance: PMI Buenos Aires Chapter with Branches in the city of Rosario (province of Santa Fé) and in the cities of La Plata, Pilar and Campana (province of Buenos Aires); PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter with Branches in Mendoza, San Luis, San Juan and La Rioja (western Argentine provinces) and PMI Córdoba Chapter (with a regional community in the province of Tucumán, in northwestern Argentina).

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These three Chapters have the responsibility of covering the enormous territory that goes from La Quiaca, at 3,442 meters above sea level (in the north of the country on the border with our beloved neighbours, Bolivia) to Ushuaia, the southernmost city of the world in our province of Tierra del Fuego, in the south of the country, looking towards Antarctica; and from the Atlantic Ocean on the east, to the Andes Mountains on the west, bordering our sister country of Chile, with the imposing Cordillera de los Andes separating us (it unites as at the same time), where our majestic Cerro Aconcagua stays as a King on the top, the highest in the southern western hemisphere with 6,962 meters above sea level, it is also the highest peak in America and is the second highest globally after the Himalayas in Asia.

Our 2.78 million square kilometers of territory (the eighth largest country in the world) are almost impossible to cover with only three chapters, their branches and a few regional communities; we just cover with our actions only the central and northern part of our country. We are committed to work hard to reach a bigger area in a not too distant future.

I'm sharing some photographs of the three regions at the end of this report, with the hope that when our tourist trips return, a reader of this report will be motivated to come and visit us. We'll receive you all with great enthusiasm!

In 2018 we started to organize an annual meeting of our three chapters looking forward to have the chapters working together to take better advantage of efforts, knowledge and synergies. Since then, we have been meeting every year in a different city of our country, getting to know each other better, building a unified vision, defining actions and joining forces to have a greater impact in our community.

Ending difficult year 2020, with the slogan "PMI Motiva, Inspira e Impacta" (PMI Motivates, inspires and impacts), we met for the third consecutive year at what we called REMA 2020.

The name REMA is adapted from regional meetings (REM) but only for volunteers and leaders of PMI chapters in Argentina.

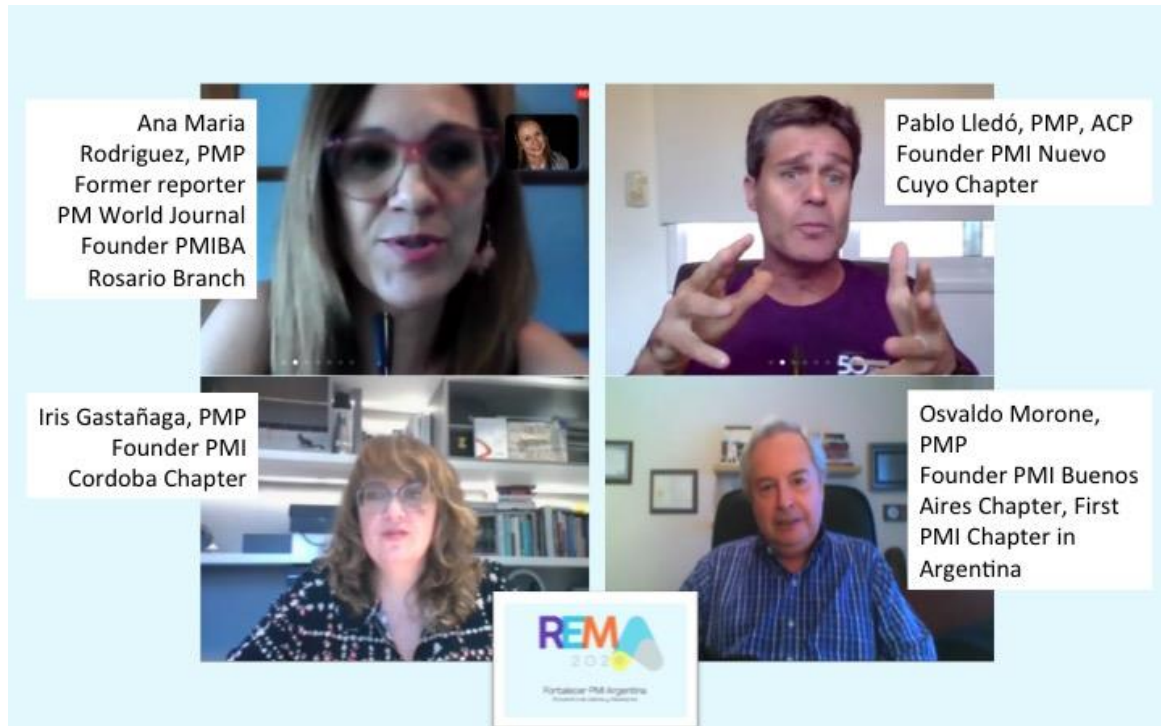


This third edition had to go virtual since the COVID 19 pandemic prevented the face-to-face meeting.

With the NOA community in charge of its organization, this REMA had an incredible PM, a young woman architect who owns an innovation agency (Agencia I – www.agenciai.com.ar), Milagro Correa García; she made a great job with her also great team of volunteers led by another architect, Daniel Tello. They all worked with such a great enthusiasm and coordination that the success of the event was granted even before starting. As I always say,

young people is an example of easy integration, natural team work and agile approach, accepting challenges and breaking barriers!

In our first meeting day, the first part of the motto: **“PMI Argentina Motivates”**, we had the virtual presence of the founders of the three chapters of the country and the founder of the Rosario branch, dependent on Buenos Aires Chapter. They were Pablo Lledó, PMI Board of Directors, Iris Gastañaga, Ana María Rodríguez (reporter of this journal in past years) and Osvaldo Marone, the man that brought PMI to Argentina, 25 years ago.



They told us about what led them to work so hard to achieve their dream of having a local PMI chapter, adapted to local culture.

It was such a motivating talk for us all! It allowed us to understand how important is our daily work as volunteers in the chapters and to realize the importance of all that was achieved in these 25 years.

The second meeting day was about **“PMI Argentina Inspires”**, with a panel that told the audience how many successful important projects of our chapters were managed, so as to inspire chapters and communities to replicate with improvements in their communities. I participated of this panel with my colleagues and friends Cecilia Boggi (PMIeF projects), Alejandro Aramburu (PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter) and Iris Gastañaga (PMI Córdoba Chapter).



We also enjoyed a talk of our beloved mentor for South Latin America region, Gloria Folle (her term was ending in December 2020). She was a hard worker during her three years of mandate; she focused on the consolidation of the relationships between the chapters of the region, with total success and impeccable management, with a great personal carisma and a huge love for her job. She reinforced the idea of collaboration, integration, and synergy between all the chapters, not only of Argentina but with those of the region, too.



As a keynote we had a young man who founded an NGO called Pata Pila, who sensitized by the unequal conditions in which the aboriginal communities of the Northwest of our country live, with the horror of malnutrition and great difficulty to access to health care system, he decided to take actions to help them.

He was truly inspiring, he mobilized us to offer Pata Pila our collaboration to help them maximize the results of so much effort.

Towards the end this second day, a virtual mural was used to capture all the interesting ideas emerging from the team work and, as a note of color, each team had been names of typical foods from the different regions of our country, very creative!

And, on another different virtual mural, every REMA participant wrote his/her individual commitment for 2021.



Ever since the first REMA was carried out, our ties have grown so much that we have been developing many projects together, for instance, PMIEF projects, Women in Project leadership Community of Interest (CILF) and Latin American women leaders Community

(MLL), not only with participation of the Argentina chapters, but with collaboration of many Latin American chapters, too, working together as if we were only one community.

This is, for me, something extremely exciting, it gives me an enormous pride and a feeling of having already part of the duty accomplished.

This year we'll hold the REMA 2021 in order to conclude the last Word of the slogan, "**PMI Argentina Impacts its community**" with the goal of defining actions to modify cultures, drive to a better and more efficient way of use of resources, to get us to the Dream of helping Argentina to move towards a prosperous future.

Great challenge, like the ones I love to take on.

Until the next report from Argentina!!

As promised earlier in this report, I attach photographs of the cities with PMI Argentina Chapters



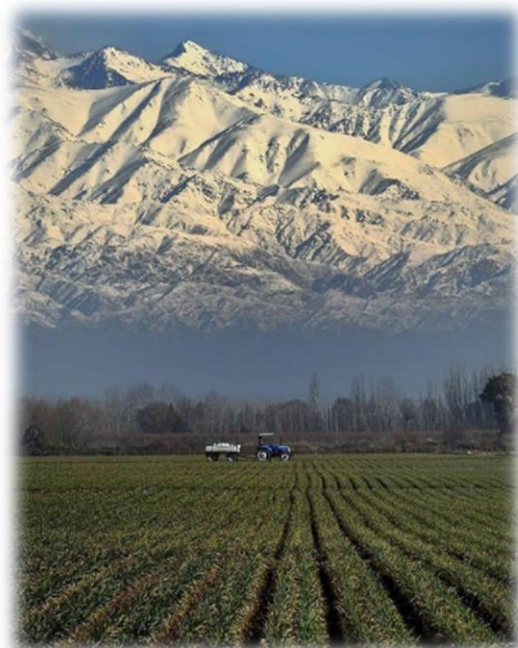
Mount Aconcagua in the back. In front, Laguna de los Horcones, at its feet



Mount Aconcagua



San Martin Park, Mendoza City



Mendoza province, Argentina



La Plata city – Estadio Único de La Plata - Sports stadium



La Plata city – Government building with the Cathedral in the back



La Plata city, interesting urban layout with diagonal streets to reduce transportation times



Buenos Aires city



Province of Córdoba, its mountains, rivers and lakes



Córdoba city



Tafi del Valle – Province of Tucumán



Tucumán city – Government building



Rosario city – Province of Santa Fe



Monument to our National Flag – Rosario city

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