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Ricardo Viana Vargas, PhD appointed PMWJ Honorary Global Advisor

Former Chair of PMI Board of Directors joins international advisory team for PM World Journal and Library

31 August 2022 – Dallas, TX, and Lisbon, Portugal – PM World has announced the appointment of **Ricardo Viana Vargas, PhD** as an honorary global advisor for the *PM World Journal* (PMWJ) and PM World Library (PMWL). Dr. Vargas is Managing Partner at Macrosolutions, past Executive Director of the Project Management Institute's Brightline Initiative, past Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services ([UNOPS](#)) Infrastructure and Project Management Group, and former Chair of the PMI Board of Directors.

Passionate about transforming ideas into action and a popular speaker at international PM events, Ricardo is recognized worldwide as a chief advocate for the project economy. Specializing in implementing innovative global initiatives, capital projects and product development, he has directed dozens of projects across industries and continents, managing more than \$20 billion in global initiatives over the past 25 years.



Ricardo shares his expertise with millions of professionals around the globe through his "[5 Minutes Podcast](#)," which he's hosted since 2007. He has written [16 books](#) on project management, risk and crisis management, and transformation, which have been translated into six languages and sold more than half a million copies. His latest book [Project Management Next Generation: The Pillars for Organizational Excellence](#), in partnership with Dr. Harold Kerzner and Dr. Al Zeitoun has recently been released.

Ricardo's influence on project management was affirmed when he became the first Latin American to be elected Chairman of the Project Management Institute. More than two decades ago, he founded Macrosolutions, a global consulting firm with international operations in energy, infrastructure, IT, oil and finance. Between 2016 and 2020, Ricardo directed the [Brightline Initiative](#), a Project Management Institute think tank bringing together leading organizations in a coalition dedicated to helping executives bridge the expensive, unproductive gap between strategic design and delivery.

Prior to his work with Brightline, Ricardo was Director of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Infrastructure and Project Management Group, leading more than 1,000 projects and \$1.2 billion in humanitarian and development projects.

Ricardo holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Federal Fluminense University in Brazil and an undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering, as well as a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil.

See his honorary global advisor profile at <https://pmworldlibrary.net/ricardo-viana-vargas-phd/>

According to PMWJ editor David Pells, "I am happy and proud to welcome Ricardo Vargas as our newest honorary global advisor. As former PMI chair, he is well known globally and extremely knowledgeable about professional project management. As the former Executive Director of PMI's Brightline Initiative, he has been actively engaged at strategic levels with executives of large organizations. And as former UNOPS director, he has extensive experience with real programs and projects in many countries."

Ricardo Vargas stated, "This will be an honor for me, joining this team of such well known and highly respected leaders, many of whom I already know. I look forward to networking with the others, and to contributing when appropriate. Thank you for this great invitation."

Pells added, "Ricardo is also an accomplished author and thought leader so I expect he may become a rather active advisor. In any case, we will welcome any sharing of his knowledge and experience with our readers around the world."

PM World engages with professional and academic leaders in various countries to support the organization's dual missions of advancing knowledge sharing and continuous learning related to modern program and project management. To see all current Honorary Global Advisors, visit <https://pmworldlibrary.net/team/global-advisors-pm-profession/>

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