

WHAT'S NEW ACROSS IPMA?
EVENTS, INSIGHTS, OPPORTUNITIES.
WELCOME TO IPMA 2026.



October brings a new wave of opportunities for the global project management community to connect, learn, and exchange perspectives.

Across the IPMA network, this month's events bring professionals together to explore emerging topics, share practical experience, and strengthen collaboration across countries and sectors.

Discover what's happening across the IPMA global community this October and stay connected with the events, ideas, and conversations shaping the project profession worldwide.



New IPMA Leadership Elected at the Council of Delegates in Zadar

The IPMA Council of Delegates (CoD), held in Zadar, Croatia, marked an important moment for the organisation with the election of its new leadership.

The election results are:

- **Professor Vladimir Obradović**, previously IPMA Vice President, was unanimously elected President of IPMA World.
- **Giovanni Pisano** (Italy) and **Tim Jaques** (United States) were elected IPMA Vice Presidents.
- **Professor Mladen Vukomanović** (Croatia) was elected Chair of the IPMA Council of Delegates.

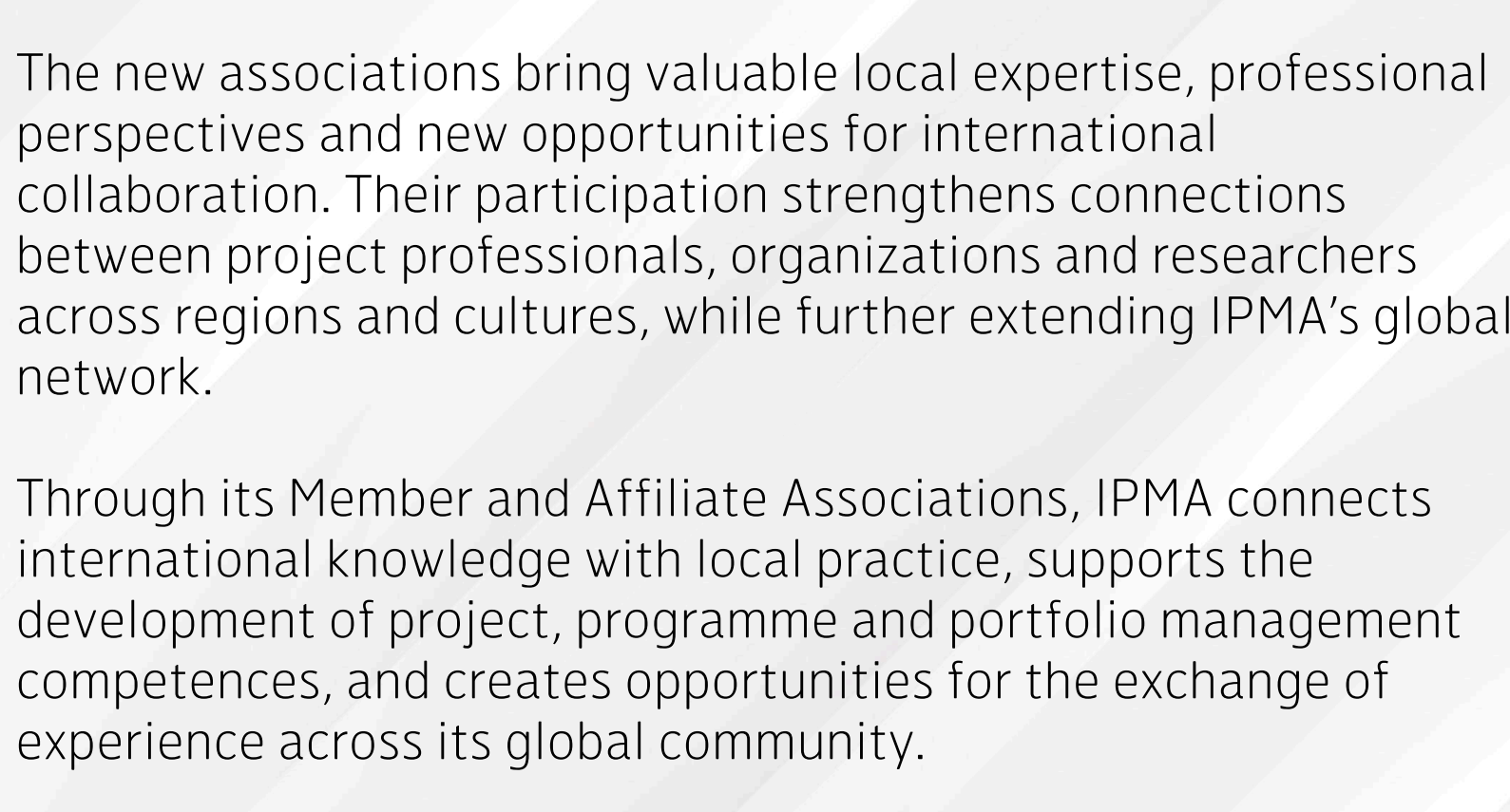
An equally important part of the elections was the appointment of **members of the three IPMA advising committees**. In addition, the **Chairpersons of the IPMA Certification and Validation Management Board** and the **Young Crew Management Board** were elected. Together, they will contribute their expertise and perspectives to IPMA's work and future development.

The new leadership team will focus on increasing IPMA's real-world impact and international visibility, building on the expertise of its Member Associations worldwide. Key areas of work will include strengthening project management capabilities in the private sector and working with governments and public institutions to improve the planning, management and delivery of major infrastructure and development projects.

Sustainability and artificial intelligence will also be important priorities as IPMA continues to support the global project management community and contribute to shaping the future of the profession.

IPMA congratulates all newly elected officers and committee members and thanks all candidates for their participation and continued commitment to the organisation.

Join us in Hiroshima to hear from leading experts, exchange perspectives and discover new approaches to the challenges and opportunities shaping the profession.



New Member Associations:

- 🇦🇺 IPMA-Australia — Australia
- 🇸🇦 IPMA-KSA — Saudi Arabia

New Affiliate Associations:

- 🇲🇪 Project Management Association of Montenegro – IPMA Montenegro
- 🇰🇬 Kyrgyz Project Management Union (KgPMU)
- 🇺🇿 Project and Business Management Association — Uzbekistan

One global network. Growing together.

IPMA Global Community Continues to Grow

At the **IPMA Council of Delegates meeting in Zadar, Croatia, on 3–4 October 2026**, IPMA welcomed five new associations to its global community, further expanding its presence across **Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Central Asia and South-East Europe**.

Two organizations joined IPMA as new **Member Associations**:

- **IPMA-Australia** — Australia
- **IPMA-KSA** — Saudi Arabia

Three organizations joined as new **Affiliate Associations**:

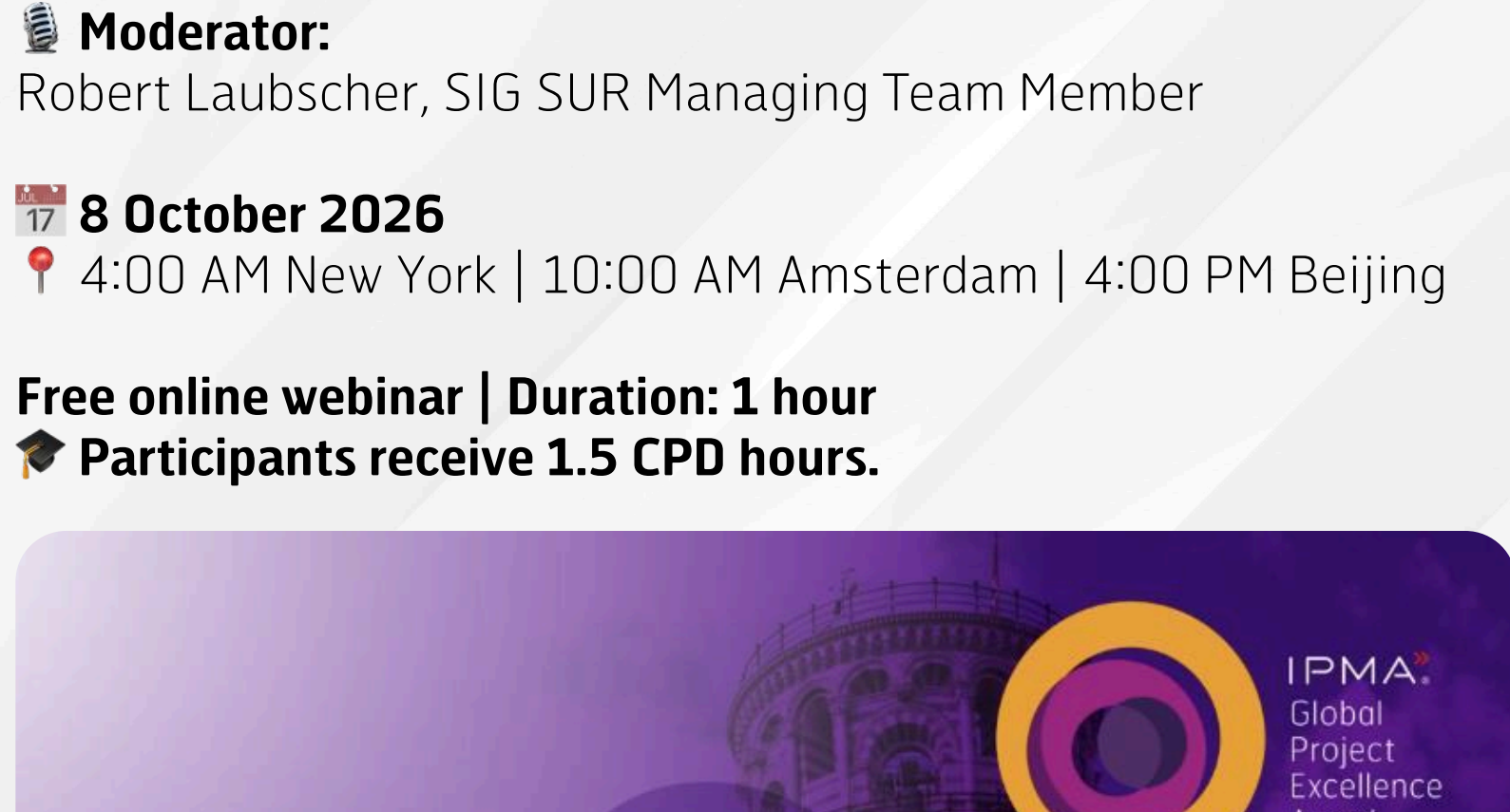
- **Project Management Association of Montenegro – IPMA Montenegro**
- **Kyrgyz Project Management Union (KgPMU)**
- **Project and Business Management Association — Uzbekistan**

The new associations bring valuable local expertise, professional perspectives and new opportunities for international collaboration. Their participation strengthens connections between project professionals, organizations and researchers across regions and cultures, while further extending IPMA's global network.

Through its Member and Affiliate Associations, IPMA connects international knowledge with local practice, supports the development of project, programme and portfolio management competences, and creates opportunities for the exchange of experience across its global community.

We look forward to working with our new associations and their professional communities as we continue to advance the project management profession worldwide.

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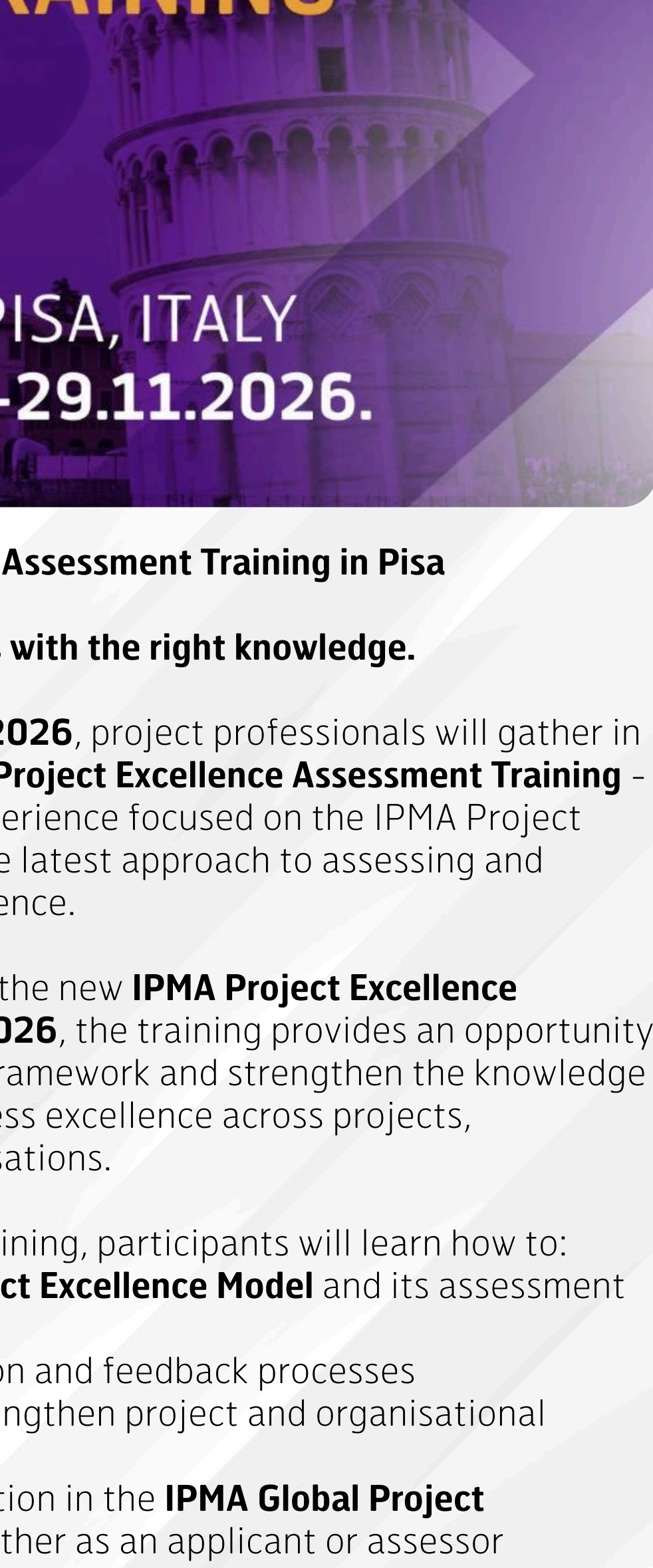
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4:00 AM New York | **10:00 AM** Amsterdam | **4:00 PM** Beijing

Participants will receive **1.5 CPD hours**

Speaker

Corey Gray
Chair & President, Smart Cities Council



The Opportunity of Africa: Leapfrogging to a Smarter, Healthier and More Prosperous Future

What would it take for African cities and regions to leapfrog traditional development pathways and build **smarter, healthier and more prosperous communities**?

Join **IPMA SIG Smarter Urban Rural** for an online webinar with **Corey Gray, Chair & President of the Smart Cities Council**, exploring how technology, governance innovation and human-centred design can help accelerate Africa's urban and regional transformation.

As rapid urbanisation and population growth create new infrastructure and development challenges, they also provide an opportunity to rethink how communities are designed, governed and developed.

Drawing on international examples, including **Singapore and Dubai**, the session will explore transparency and trust, brownfield versus greenfield development, regulatory autonomy and diaspora return, as well as the role of **biourbanism, biophilic design and healthspan** in creating thriving and resilient communities.

The webinar will offer practical perspectives for governments, practitioners and communities working to shape more sustainable futures.

Speaker:
Corey Gray, Chair & President, Smart Cities Council

Moderator:
Robert Laubscher, SIG SUR Managing Team Member

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PISA, ITALY

27.-29.11.2026.

IPMA Project Excellence Assessment Training in Pisa

Project Excellence starts with the right knowledge.

From **27–29 November 2026**, project professionals will gather in **Pisa, Italy**, for the **IPMA Project Excellence Assessment Training** – a three-day learning experience focused on the IPMA Project Excellence Model and the latest approach to assessing and improving project excellence.

Following the release of the new **IPMA Project Excellence Baseline on 2 October 2026**, the training provides an opportunity to explore the updated framework and strengthen the knowledge and skills needed to assess excellence across projects, programmes and organisations.

During the three-day training, participants will learn how to:

- Apply the **IPMA Project Excellence Model** and its assessment criteria
- Understand evaluation and feedback processes
- Use the model to strengthen project and organisational performance
- Prepare for participation in the **IPMA Global Project Excellence Awards**, either as an applicant or assessor

Whether preparing an organisation for the IPMA Global Project Excellence Awards or looking to deepen professional expertise in project excellence, the training offers an opportunity to develop practical knowledge, exchange experiences and connect with the international project management community.

27–29 November 2026

Pisa, Italy

