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Greek Project Management Congress 2007 was a great success!

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Project Management Congress 2007 in Greece: 300 delegates attended!



The **PMI Greece Chapter** co-organized with **Boussias Communications** the biggest Project Management Congress in Greece for the 2nd year. The congress “**Achieving Project Management Excellence using Best Practices**” was held in Athens, Greece, at 29th of November 2007. More than 300 delegates attended the congress.



The **Greek Project Management Congress 2007** commenced at 09.00 by Dr. **George Diakonikolaou**, PMI GREECE Chapter Steering Committee member and Congress President. Welcome speeches were given by the following:

- Mr. **Xenofon Chassapis**, General Manager of Boussias Communications
- Mr. **Theofanis Giotis PMP**, President of PMI GREECE and CEO of ITEC
- Mr. **Nikolaos Molfetas**, Solutions Sales Professional, Microsoft Hellas

Also, Theofanis Giotis read welcome speeches from the following:

- Mrs. **Linda Vella PMP**, PMI Chair, 2007 Board of Directors
- Mr. **Ioannis Syrros**, General Manager of SEPE

The first congress was organized by the PMI GREECE Chapter last year on November 21st 2006 with 320 delegates. Last year’s congress was titled: «Project Management: the meaning, the benefits, best practices and international trends»

Keynote Speech: “Building a Project Based Organization (PBO)” by Alexander Matthey PMP

Mr. **Alexander Matthey**, MSc, PMP, **Managing Director of 3PM Experts**, Switzerland, was the first keynote speaker at the **Greek Project Management Congress 2007**. He explained all the different aspects of a project based organization (PBO) and the challenges it implies.

Mr. Matthey possesses 23 years of professional experience in international service/consulting businesses in Europe, Australia, Northern Africa and the Middle East. He has worked in industries including software development, multinational accounting, goods distribution, trade show management, hostelry and mobile telecommunications.

Before becoming consultant and trainer in Project, Programme and Project Portfolio Management, Project Management Office set-up, he acted as Orange Switzerland’s PMO Manager.

Mr. Matthey is a lecturer of Project Management and Management Information Systems at MBA level courses at the Geneva University, visiting professor at Ecole Supérieur de Commerce Lille and Faculty member of the International University of Geneva. As of the end of 2006 he trained over 25% of all Swiss PMP to reach their certification.

As VP Marketing and Sponsorship at the Project Management Institute Switzerland Chapter he promotes professional Project Management, builds strategic alliances, speaks at international conferences, at company seminars, at University career days and establishes sponsoring relationships.

Alexander Matthey holds a Master’s degree in Software Engineering and a post-graduate in Business Information Systems. He is a certified Project Management Professional. Having lived in 5 countries, he speaks French, English, Hungarian, Bulgarian and Russian.



Main Congress Speaker: Dr. Harold Kerzner on “Achieving Project Management Excellence Using Best practices”



The main speaker at the **Greek Project Management Congress 2007** was Dr. **Harold Kerzner** (Ph.D., MS, Engineering and MBA). He gave a astonishing 3-hours presentation on how to achieve Project Management Excellence using best practices.

Dr. **Harold Kerzner** is Professor of Systems Management at Baldwin-Wallace College. He is also President of Project Management Associates, Inc., a project management consulting company based in Ohio. Dr. Kerzner’s expertise is in the areas of project management and strategic planning. Dr. Kerzner has previously taught engineering at the University of Illinois and business administration at Utah State University. He obtained his industrial experience at Thiokol

Corporation where he held both program management and project engineering responsibilities on a variety of NASA, Air Force, Army, Navy and independent IR&D programs.

He has published or presented more than 140 engineering and business papers, and has 16 texts. Dr. Kerzner has consulted for such companies as Bendix, Dow Chemical, DCPSO, Control Data, BP (Standard Oil of Ohio), Phillips Coal, R J Reynolds Tobacco Co, Ralston Purina, Minnesota Power and Light, Ohio Bell, Babcock & Wilcox, DuPont, The Department of Defense, Navy, Air Force, Army, The Goodyear Corp, General Electric, Ford, MK Ferguson, Blue Cross, Eaton, Monroe Auto Equipment, Cleveland Clinic, Bell & Howell, Bausch & Lomb, Alltel Corp, The Timken Co, Ampex, Johnson Controls, KMS Fusion, Foseco, American Gas Association, Honeywell, Disney, FMC, USS/Kobe Steel, Westinghouse, Conwed, Nordson, Teleco Oilfield Services, Cray Research, Mrs. Smith's Frozen Foods, Atlantic Richfield, (ANATEC), Southern Vital Record Center, Computer Peripherals, Rosemount, DBA Systems, Kodak, Land O'Lakes, TRW, Kellogg's, Unisys, Internal Revenue Service, East Ohio Gas Co, Xerox, LTV Steel, Whirlpool, Department of Transportation, Stanadyne, Cardiac Pacemakers, Nortel, Avery-Fasson, MCI, 3M, Northern States Power, Warner & Swasey, Amway, Medtronics, Cole National, Northwest Bell, Corning Glass, Norton, MTS, Philip Morris, American Medical Systems, Red Cross, Centerior Energy, Columbia Gas, Modern Engineering, Riverside Int'l, Lake Erie Ind, Campbell Soup Co, Valeo, Roadway Express, DCASR, Defense Logistics Agency, Quantum Chemical, DSPG, Hill-Rom, Amoco (Solarex), OCLC, Upjohn, Cleveland Public Utilities, VISA, Intel, Sprint United Telephone, IAI, Kaiser Permanente, Rohm & Haas, Cleveland RTA, Arco Alaska, GenCorp, AGS Management Systems, Ameritech, Naval Air Warfare Center, Atlas Aircraft, Miller Brewery, Upsher-Smith, Comerica, Toledo Edison/Davis Besse, Moen, Barclay's Bank, American Greetings, National City Corp, Master Lock, ChoiceCare/Humana, The Sherwin-Williams Co, Farley Industries, Mobil Oil, Reliance Electric Company, EDS, SABC, Key Services Corp, Sloan Valve, Bellcore, Simpson Industries, PPG Industries, SNS Systems, Atlas Copco AFS, Tosoh SMD, Inc., Marriott, Eli Lilly, Comau North America, Zenith Electronics, Hess Industries, USAA Insurance Co, Boehringer Mannheim Corp, Caliber Logistics, Inc., Advanced Elastomer Systems, Textron, General Motors, Ericsson, Compuware, Fleet, Invacare, Genie, Van Dorn Demag, Swagelok, Symbol Technology, DT Industries, OPEC (Oil Industry of Venezuela) and several banks and hospitals.

He has also consulted for corporations in Europe, the Middle East, South America, Africa, Asia, and Canada. More than 200,000 participants have attended Dr. Kerzner's lectures on Project Management.

Dr. Kerzner has conducted three live videoconferences on project management: "How to Achieve Maturity in Project Management", "Achieving Behavior Excellence in Project Management", and "In Search of Excellence in Project Management". All three programs were sponsored by Microsoft Corporation and were televised world-wide. Nortel cosponsored the last videoconference. He has also prepared 15 videotapes on Project Management.

The Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Project Management Institute has initiated the **Kerzner Award** granted yearly to a company or individual that has demonstrated excellence in project management. The University of Illinois has granted Dr. Kerzner the Distinguished Alumni Award for his contribution to the field of Project Management. Also, Utah State University presented Dr. Kerzner with the 1998 Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to project management.

Round table for the "Greek National Strategy for Project Management!"

At the end of the congress a round table was held to discuss the Greek National Strategy for Project Management and the Greek Project Management Standard

This round table was coordinated by Mr. **Theofanis Giotis** President of PMI GREECE and CEO of ITEC. The participants at this round table were:

- Dr. **Harold Kerzner**, Executive Director Project Management International Institute for Learning Inc. and President Project Management Associates Inc.
- Mr. **Alexander Matthey** PMP, Managing Director, 3PM Experts
- Dr. **Panos Chatzipanos**, President and CEO ECONTECH
- Mr. **Aris Syngros**, General Manager Transparency International Greece

As it was reported previously by PMForum, The Greek Government (Ministry of Finance), has made recently clear that all organizations in Greece dealing with projects funded through Community Support Framework (CSF 2007-2012), must be accredited on a new Greek Project Management Standard by 1st of Jan. 2009. Until the 1st of Jan. 2009, companies can overpass this requirement and can be certified with ISO 9000. So, the Greek Standardization Organization ([ELOT](#)) is the body that will develop this Greek Project Management Standard. At October 2007, [ELOT](#) formed a technical committee (TC/95) for the development of the Greek Project Management Standard named ELOT 1429.



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