

## REGIONAL REPORT – FRANCE



### French PM Events in April 2007 By Thibaut Goupil

Calendar of project management events this month in France:

On 5<sup>th</sup> April, "**Project management maturity level of companies**" will be the theme of a conference organized by the PMI® South of France chapter, Provence branch. The program of this event includes:

- Presentation of the engineering school EC Marseille by Joëlle Gazerian
- Presentation of the PMI South of France chapter/Provence branch, Michel Operto, Program Management Director - Orange Business Services
- HR management in projects: what the PMBOK® says? Jean-Claude Dravet, VP at JCD Conseil and President of PMI South of France chapter
- Evaluating project team members' contribution in a matrix organization, Gérard Maurial and Anne Le Bourg from SAFT International
- From individual effectiveness to collective performance: human relationship management in PM by Myriam Chabanne, Doctor in Psycho-Sociology
- Is it possible to externalise the "Project Manager" role? Bertrand Isnard, Euriware
- Other sessions will also include presentation of OPM3 and speakers like Louis Mercken, International Partner and Chairman of the Threon Group, and Global Advisor for PM Forum.

This forum will take place in ISITV, an engineering school in Toulon (<http://isitv.univ-tln.fr>). For more information you can contact Agnès Laville by [pmi-provence@pmi-fr.org](mailto:pmi-provence@pmi-fr.org) or +33 611 19 37 63.

From 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April ISPE Paris conference will include a 2 day session about "**Project management - facing today's challenges**" on 18-19<sup>th</sup> April at Hilton hotel, Paris. ISPE, a pharmaceutical engineering association, aims at focusing on pharmaceutical industry specific attributes of professional project management. This session is supported by ISPE Project Management Community of Practice (PM COP) and lead by Trish Melton, MIME solutions Ltd., and Andrew Ingleby, Astra Zeneca.

According to ISPE website ([www.ispe.org](http://www.ispe.org)), the learning objectives of this seminar are:

- "Benchmarking of project delivery specific to the pharmaceutical industry
- Case studies in projects delivered within the pharmaceutical industry
- Regulatory drivers and how to manage these within the overall project strategy

- Raise awareness of the frequently applied specific project management tools and techniques for our industry
- How good project management practices support compliance through use of specific tracking techniques, e.g. GMP Audits, GMP Risk Management, management of the validation matrix, etc.
- Recent developments in project management practice
- The management of the transition from project to business as usual
- How vendor management supports compliance: from vendor qualification to management and close-out – minimizing interruption to timelines whilst maintaining quality control
- The integration of effective qualification management, building in a risk-based approach to quality and validation to deliver overall project success"

Keynote speakers include: Trish Melton, MIME solutions Ltd., Andrew Ingleby and Bill Tennant from Astra Zeneca, Jim Durkin, Fresenius-Kabi, Roger Barrett, Star Events, Jeff Odum, NCBioSource, Denis Hannon, Jacobs, Declan Ryan, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Steve Woolley, Shasun Pharma, Dr. Terry Cooke-Davies, FAPM, Human Systems Ltd., APM Sir Monty Finneston award and co-author of 'The right projects done right' with Paul Dinsmore, David Gottschlich and Gordon Lawrence from IPA, Nigel Frost, Thermal Transfer, Norbert Verdier, GET, and Jean-Pierre Bovée, Sanofi-Aventis.

For more information or to register, you can follow this [link](#).

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, PMI® South of France chapter, Lyon branch, will support a forum on "**Project management in small and medium companies**" in Lyon, starting at 8.30 am. More information available on [www.pmi-fr.org](http://www.pmi-fr.org)

On 24<sup>th</sup> April, the PMI® Paris chapter is organizing "**Construction of the French project management standard**", an evening presentation of the AFNOR standard of project management. AFNOR is the French organization of normalization, a member of ISO. The keynote speaker is Martine Mimy, President of AFITEP, one of the French PM associations, member of IPMA.

Finally, on 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm, "**Excel and Project Management**" will be presented by Fabrice Edon, project expertise at RFF, and Didier Barrault, Administrator at AFITEP and Consultant at Price Systems. This event is organized by AFITEP. More information on the AFITEP website [www.afitep.fr](http://www.afitep.fr)

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