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Project Management Update from Egypt

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PM Profession News

PMI Region 12 Component Regional Meeting, 22-23 November 2008, Coordinated by Region Mentor Yahya Khadar
Organized by PMI EMEA & sponsored by Brisk Consulting



Delegates from 5 PMI Chapters in Region 12 attended the component Mentors Meeting in Cairo from 22 to 23 November 2008. Beside the Cairo-based PMI-MENA Chapter, delegates from the PMI Arabian Gulf Chapter, PMI Jordan Chapter, PMI Lebanon Chapter and PMI Morocco together with 3 PMI EMEA region staff and the component

mentor for Region 12, Mr. Yahya Khadar, discussed means to strengthen the cooperation between the chapters in the region. Mr. Khadar provided the opening speech. Dr. Gamal –President of PMI MENA Chapter – welcomed the gathering in Cairo, Egypt, and then Chapter representatives presented the lessons learned on developing a chapter-success stories.

Alessandro Cortese, PMI EMEA RSC Director, discussed PMI Global congress EMEA 2009 and beyond, while Alec Walker, PMI EMEA RSC Marketing Manager, presented a Marketing Tool kit for Chapter leaders.

PMI MENA Chapter representative sees this meeting as an opportunity to promote the project management profession in the region and synergize the efforts of the chapter leaders to achieve their objectives of the chapters.

First Name	Last Name	Chapter	Title
Gamal	Nassar	Mena	President
Suzanne B.	Metwaley	Mena	Director of Certification
Mohammed	Abd El Latif	Mena	Member Relations VP
Emad E.	Aziz	Mena	Programs Committee
Hazem	Awad	Mena	Director of Finance
Amal	Ismail	Mena	Member Relations Director
Ahmed	Nasser	Arabian Gulf	President
Mohammed	Hamad	Arabian Gulf	VP Education & Certification
Abdulmajid	Gassab	Bahrain section of AGC	vice-president
Mohamad	Amawi	Jordan	President
Houssam	Ramadan	Lebanon	
Grace	Najjar	Lebanon	Vice President
Ahmed	Ikbal Ben Brahim	PMI Morocco	Steering Committee Member

PM Events

Project Management in IT&T Global Conference in Cairo on 17-18 December, 2008

On 17-18 December, 2008 A two-day conference on Project Management in IT&T will be held in Cairo, Egypt. The conference is organized by the PMI Information Technology & Telecommunication SIG, the PMI MENA chapter based in Cairo, and Brisk Consulting, a Cairo-based PM consulting and Training provider under the Auspice of HE Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative development,

The conference will cover several subjects under the domain of project management in IT&T including: soft skills for software development PMs, Agile project management vs. PMBOK® Guide, PM in mobile banking, PM & 3G, PM best practices for infrastructure projects, BSC for project management, and others.

For more information about the PM in IT&T conference in December, please visit:
<http://p2p.brisk-consulting.org/index.php>

Project Updates – News from some Important Projects

Alexandria Port Projects

Under the Alexandria Port Authority's plan to expand the governorate's cargo port, Authority head Tawfik Abu Gendia, has announced that several new and previously shelved projects are being offered to the private sector.

The first of these projects, says Abu Gendia, will be offered to the private sector and will include the delivery of two towing vessels worth almost LE 150 million. In addition, Abu Gendia discussed the previously shelved special-purpose port at Dekheila. In 2006 the Port Authority ordered all incoming coal freighters be directed to a special facility at Dekheila, which would also deal with cement and clinker. All highly toxic materials will enter the country via this port, and it will require LE 75 million in investments. Abu Gendia also revealed details of the shelved tourist port project, which needs LE 75 million in investments. The contract to market the project to investors was initially given to a local company, but Minister of Transport Mohamed Mansour froze the agreement. British company CPI has taken over promotion of the project.

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