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Project Management News from Montreal

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PM Profession News

Montréal is a very active city in the project management field. Many companies embrace a project management methodology and encourage their employees to adopt the project management culture as a means to succeed in their careers.

The charming city possesses a very active Project Management Institute (PMI®) chapter and we can also find in the region important universities that have been investing in project management masters programs and researches with a high level of excellence. This report presents some of these institutions and their activities and gives an outlook on how well the profession is evolving in the region.

PMI-Montréal Chapter News



PMI-Montréal is a 30-year-old PMI chapter located in Montréal, a beautiful city in the heart of the province of Québec, the only Canadian province with two official languages: English and French. Its almost 3,000 members reveal the high level of Project Management activity in the region.

The Chapter's 30th anniversary will be soon celebrated by a prestigious Congress and Gala event, organised by PMI-Montréal and UQÀM (see more about UQÀM at

the “PM Educational News” section) which will be held on April 29th at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, downtown Montréal.



Over 400 attendees are expected to this full-day ceremony, whose agenda includes keynote presentations, various workshops and an ending cocktail.

More information about this event can be found at <http://www.mgp-pmi30ans.uqam.ca/index.asp>.

This chapter was founded by a small group of visionaries who wanted to share knowledge about project management success stories, challenges and trends. Building a community around project management in the Montreal area is also one of the objectives, which can be expressed by the mission of the chapter, which is composed by the following elements:

- Promote professionalism in project management and its recognition
- Increase and disseminate project management knowledge
- Establish forums for the exchange of information and training
- Offer a slate of quality products to members and to the community
- Ensure a liaison with other organisations in project management and related fields
- Increase regional and international visibility of local know-how

The chapter is very dynamic and holds various activities that benefit its members and also the project management community in the Montréal region.

Recently it announced the winner of the “**Elixir Award Project of the Year 2007**” at a glamorous event that took place on January 31st (more information about the event can be found at <http://www.pmforum.org/blogs/news/2008/02/pmi-montreal-chapter-announces-its-2007.html>).

Morning and evening meetings are also part of the events that bring together project management practitioners from the region. The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

- **April 9th**: PMI-Montréal Morning Series: “Understanding Teams: The key to Effective Project Management”; to be presented by Mrs. Monique Lafrenière, from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Saint James Club (1145, Union Avenue, Montreal)
- **April 15th**: “IT Round Table Breakfast”; a free event from 7:15 am to 9:00 am to be held at the Restaurant Chez Cora (1240, rue Drummond, Montreal)

- **April 22nd**: Community of Practice Construction Conference: “Innovation in the integrated conception simulation tools for construction projects”, to be presented by Mr. Martin Landry, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.
- **April 23rd**: PMI-Montréal Evening Series: “Project Managers as Leaders of Change”, to be presented by Ms. Merling Sapene from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

For the following month, the Chapter announces the 8th edition of the big Golf Tournament, which will be held on May 22nd, 2008

In addition, the Chapter promotes PMP and CAPM intensive preparation seminars delivered in English and French.

More details about these events can be accessed at <http://www.pmimontreal.org/pmi/site/calendar.jsp>.

PM Education News



In the beginning of this year, **Mr. Brian Hobbs**, PhD, PMP, a member of the PMI Research Member Advisory Group, was named to the Chair in Project Management at University of Quebec at Montreal (UQÀM – *Université du Québec à Montréal*).

UQÀM, one of the most important academic institutions in the region, sustains the most active group of researchers in the Project Management field in the world.

The research program is divided into the following five areas, each with its own research coordinator:

- Project management governance
- Partnerships and networking in project management
- Processes, practices and new tools in project management
- Management of innovation projects, and
- Competencies and transfer of learning

More information about the Project Management Research Chair can be seen at <http://www.pmchair.uqam.ca/>



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