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Project Management Update from Brazil

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Introduction

This third quarter was really busy for the project management community in Brazil. Some of the most important events happened in October and November, and we still have more to come!

PM Profession News

In December 15th, in Rio de Janeiro, will happen the ceremony of the Project of the Year Award, organized by the Mundo Project Management magazine and the Fundação Getúlio Vargas business school. The award, created last year, recognizes the excellence in project management and the competence of Brazilian professionals.

PM Events

IX Seminário Internacional de Gerenciamento de Projetos – PMI-SP – Oct. 27-29
– with more than 620 attendees, the IX International Seminar organized by the PMI-SP Chapter showed a different way of doing a conference. Focusing on innovation and networking, the event had a strong interaction among the public and the speakers, and had representatives from some of the largest companies in Brazil, such as Petrobras, Bradesco, Siemens, Rockwell, Promon, Alston do Brasil, CPM Braxis, Ericsson, Price Waterhouse Coopers, Tecban, T-Systems, etc.

IV Brazilian PM Congress – Nov. 12-13 - In Belo Horizonte, in the state of Minas Gerais, was held the IV Brazilian Project Management Congress, which set a new record for events outside North America, with more than 1,200 attendees! The event was a huge success, and was sold out a week before its start. PMI's CEO Gregory Balestrero and the Chairman of the Board Ricardo Vargas opened the congress highlighting the importance of good project management in a moment of crisis, and the new opportunities that are now opening in Brazil for project managers, since Brazil will host the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games.



During the event, Peter Mello received the **PMI Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award** for his important contribution for the project management community. Next year the Brazilian Congress will happen in Brasília-DF. (photos: Greg Balestrero, CEO of PMI; Peter Mello with Greg Balestrero and Ricardo Vargas, Chair of PMI Board of Directors; Peter Mello speaking.)



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