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DYNAMICS 2009, the Turkish Project Management Forum

MANAGEMENT BY PROJECTS IN THE 21st CENTURY

The DYNAMICS 2009 Congress, an annual project management symposium organized by IPYD, the Istanbul Project Management Association, took place at the MARMARA Hotel in Taksim, Istanbul on April 10 - 11. Over 300 people attended the presentations made by speakers from the EU, the US and Turkey.

It was the best-attended, financially most successful and the highest-rated congress in its 11 year history, breaking all records of attendance, financial results and attendee ratings.



IPYD NEWS

Ahmet N. Taspinar, PMP, REP, turned over the presidency of IPYD to the successful Project Manager of the DYNAMICS 2009 congress, **Murat Erkan**, PMP on May 3, 2009. Mr. Erkan has a Chemical Engineering Degree from the Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul and an MBA from Campbell University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He works as a project manager for TURKCELL, the leading cellphone operator in Turkey and neighboring countries.

The current IPYD board has another year to serve, and all board members continue until May 2010. The STRATEGIC PLANNING project for 2010 - 2012, was kicked off in early May, to be led by Mr. **Hasan Sari**, a veteran with over 20 years' project management experience. A Steering Committee, composed of former presidents and founders of IPYD has been assembled to guide the project team in establishing OUR TRADITIONS and VALUES at a joint meeting on June 3rd.

IPYD is also launching projects to establish branches in Izmir and Ankara, after receiving requests from members who live and work in those cities. Another project, soon to be launched is THE JOBS NETWORK which will aim to find employment opportunities for our colleagues who have lost their jobs or are facing such career jeopardies. More on this project next month.



IPYD was officially founded on March 18, 1997 as an association for project management, serving Turkey and the surrounding region. The association has 450 members in various sectors, mainly in construction, Real Estate development, IT and Finance. IPYD works in full compliance with PMI principles and processes, delivering knowledge on the practices and developments in the international project management world, and carrying on the duty of watchdog for globally accepted project management applications and ethical practices in Turkey and the surrounding region. For more information, visit www.ipyd.org.

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