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Project Management Update from Sydney

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PM Profession News

AIPM and IPMA Link Up

The International Project Management Association (IPMA) has voted the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) the representative association for Australia. In announcing the agreement, Dr Bill Young pointed to the symbolic change which has added an international dimension and global recognition to the local association. “Most importantly,” he wrote to association members, “it will enable our competency certification standards to become internationalised in the future.”

The AIPM also won the hosting rights for the 2011 World Congress for Project Management, which will take place in Brisbane.

Project Management Showcase

PMI South Australia Chapter and the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM) are joining forces to present an action packed project management Showcase on 6 November. The conference is being held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide. Rod Hook, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of the Office of Major Projects and Infrastructure, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure in South Australia will be the keynote speaker. Two streams of six presentations will follow, with a networking function to round out what promises to be an informative day.

More information can be obtained by contacting event organiser Nicole Amato at on +61 8 8331 7456. A brochure for the event is available at

<http://www.aipm.com.au/attachments/Showcase%20Program%20and%20Booking%20Form%202009.pdf>.

Sky High Project Award

The Qantas A380 program won the 2009 Project Management Achievement Award for the National Project of the Year. The award was announced at the AIPM's annual conference in Adelaide in October.

The program involved getting the airline ready for the arrival of the super jumbo. Working in an environment of high risk and uncertainty, with delays and a timeline dictated by Airbus and beyond the control of the Australian airline, the program combined 15 interdependent subprojects and brought together hundreds of internal and external stakeholders.

The program, which ran for six years and cost more than \$2billion, included the installation of more than 1,000 software applications, and the development of new aircraft materials, systems and products. Qantas was the second airline in the world to take delivery of the A380, and the program's ultimate success was a reflection of the highly trained project managers and a close interaction with suppliers.

The program was entered in the Defence/Aerospace category in New South Wales, and also won at both State and category level. It beat entries from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service's Australian Maritime Identification System Capability Development Program (ACT), Telstra's Broadband initiatives (Northern Territory), the Wesley Hospital East Wing development (Queensland), the car racing infrastructure upgrade for the Clipsal 500 (South Australia), the first stage of a new Health Plan Program (Tasmania), the Deer Park Bypass, a 9.3km four lane freeway (Victoria), and the 400ML Balancing Storage Project to ensure water supply to the Kalgoorlie goldfields (Western Australia).

Education News

PMI Sydney Chapter Short Courses and Professional Development Opportunities

PMI Sydney has plenty of development opportunities for the remainder of the year. The "Saturday short course" program for 2009 has another two offerings for the year. The first, "Conversational Leadership" on 21 November, is a scaled-down version of the course presented as part of the 2009 SeminarsWorld series in the USA. In it, Jürgen Oschadleus addresses techniques for using everyday conversations to build credibility, influence stakeholders and achieve desired outcomes.

The final course for the year will be presented by Silvia de Ridder on 5 December, with a session titled “Enhancing your Project Management Leadership through Emotional Intelligence”.

The Women in Project Management (WIPM) group is also offering a half-day Master class on Wednesday, 2 December. The topic is: “Leadership, Interpersonal Skills and Stakeholder Engagement- How vital are they to successful project delivery?”.

The morning features three dynamic speakers in Paul Gilberston (CEO of NSW Nation Building and Jobs Plan Taskforce), Linda Price (Group Vice President, Executive Programs Asia Pacific, Gartner) and Debra Eckersley (PWC Partner, People and Change). The trio will showcase some of their high profile (Infrastructure, IT and People & Change) projects from both public and private sector, and will explore key strategies to help set up projects for success.

Course details and registration information for all courses is available on the PMI Sydney Chapter website, <http://sydney.pmichapters-australia.org.au>.



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