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October was a busy month for the Turkish Project Management Community; presentations, project activities and preparations for future events took off, as follows :

PMI Turkey

PMI TURKEY put on two hosted presentations on PMO's, on what is new in PM Training, and on earning PDU points for PMP's. The number of Turkish PMP's has exceeded 700, and more are coming. PMI TURKEY is providing a much-needed service to the Turkish PMP's by holding sessions to help them claim their rightful PDU's and retain their hard-earned PMP status. Attendance has been setting records for events of this nature in Turkey.

IPYD NEWS

IPYD, the Istanbul Project Management Association, continued their planning for DYNAMICS 2010, the 11th Turkish International Congress, to be held on April 2 - 3, 2010 in the MARMARA Hotel in Istanbul. Other IPYD progress included renewing their website, creating a periodic bulletin and piloting it on the website, providing PM guidance to a selected elementary school, and continuing to prepare the STRATEGIC PLAN for 2010 - 2012, with participation from many members as volunteers.



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.

International PM Day

Plans are underway to celebrate the INTERNATIONAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT DAY on November 5th in Istanbul and in Ankara. This event is being organized jointly, by IPYD, IPMA TURKEY and PMI TURKEY, with all 3 sister organizations pooling their resources to make the two-city event one to be remembered.

Hoping to report more activity next month, thank you for this opportunity.

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