

## REGIONAL REPORT – TURKEY – JULY 2010



Project Management News from Turkey  
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### PM Profession News

May was election month at two leading Project Management Associations in Turkey, PMI TURKEY and The Istanbul PM Association ( IPYD ). PMI TURKEY held an electronic ballot; IPYD held a regular General Assembly to report on the past year's activities, and obtain membership approval, followed by the election of the new officers.

#### PMI TURKEY Elections

PMI Turkey elected **Mr. Tolga Ozel**, PMP, as their President with 4 Vice Presidents + 4 Directors. They held a well-attended social function in Ankara in mid-June to get members and interested parties to meet each other. With the recently published Turkish version of the PMBOK Guide, 4th Edition under its control, PMI Turkey has attained new popularity in the rapidly-growing project management community in Turkey.

#### IPYD News

IPYD elected **Ms Alev Akin**, PMP, as their President for 2010 - 2012, accompanied by 6 Vice-Presidents. The new Board has met 3 times since being elected to plan activities and projects for the new year, and initiated a number of actions, among them the assignment of the DYNAMICS 2011 Project Manager, **Mr. Tolga Ozdemir**,

PMP. Specific Interest Group meetings and new projects on career development and popularizing project management in secondary schools are already underway, with many activities being scheduled for Fall. A WELCOME TO SUMMER social was held at one of the up and coming restaurants on the Bosphorus on June 13, attended by about 20 members, bringing the newly-elected Board and the membership at large together..

Another key event at the General Assembly was the approval of the IPYD 2010 - 2012 Strategic Plan, ably managed as a project by **Mr. Hasan Sari**, who has been elected to the new board. Mr. Sari will be ensuring compliance with the Strategic Plan in all actions and initiatives undertaken by IPYD.

Eight of the past twelve IPYD presidents attended the General Assembly meeting and gave their support to the direction in which IPYD was proceeding. The IPYD Strategic Plan is the first of its kind to be developed, approved and put into action by a non-profit organization in Turkey. It was prepared by the participation of 40+ members, serving as volunteers and wishing to have a say in the future of their association. The policy of extending the governing of IPYD to the non-board members, and having them participate in volunteer activities, has been very successful, with about 20% of the membership taking active roles on committees, projects and initiatives.



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](http://www.ipyd.org).

### IPMA World Congress in Istanbul

In November Istanbul will be host to the 24th IPMA World Congress. The planning and organization is being ably carried out under the direction of the IPMA Turkey President, **Dr. Cetin Elmas**, professor at the GAZI UNIVERSITY in Ankara. PMForum is a Media Partner for this event, so a lot of news can be found at [http://www.pmforum.org/events/IPMA\\_World\\_Congress.html](http://www.pmforum.org/events/IPMA_World_Congress.html).

## **Istanbul – Cultural Capital of Europe**

This is the year for Istanbul to serve as the Cultural capital of Europe. Hundreds of activities, many of them being billed as projects, whether they are project-managed or not, are being launched and realized. Many celebrities from all parts of the world are flocking to Istanbul to participate in the cultural activities, while enjoying Turkish hospitality and cuisine.



*Panorama of Istanbul, Turkey – where Europe meets Asia*

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