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**Project Management Update from Finland**

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Introduction

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Teppo Kuisma nominated Managing Director of Ixonos Business Solutions Ltd

Mr **Teppo Kuisma** has been nominated Managing Director of **Ixonos Business Solutions Ltd**, which was incorporated in to a separate subsidiary of the Ixonos Group as of January 1st 2010. The reason for the separation is to simplify the juridical organization of the Group, to develop and to strengthen the business operations, and to reorganize the Group activities to better match the needs of the customers and the nature of the business operations. Mr **Timo Aittoniemi** has been nominated Sales Director in the new company.

Mr Kuisma has worked at Ixonos as Chief Project Officer and Senior Consultant since 2007. His responsibilities have included the development of business process models and technology partnerships of the Business Solutions unit. Earlier he worked as Chief Project Officer at **Mermit Business Applications Ltd**, which has later acquired by **Ixonos Plc**, and as IT Application Center Manager at **UPM**.

Mr Kuisma is very excited about the possibility to take Ixonos operations to next level, and comments: "With the type of strong professionals and right type of open culture that we are developing, I am eager to see what we can reach in the markets together. I have daily the possibility to work with people with the attitude that is the key to helping our customers succeed. Our long time commitment to openness and the sense of trust from our clients has really proven to be the competitive factor in rapidly changing business conditions." Mr Kuisma can be contacted at Teppo.Kuisma@ixonos.com. (photo courtesy Ixonos)



Professor Le Yun invites presenters and participants to International Forum on Large & Complex Project Management

Professor Le Yun, Tongji University, kindly invites presenters and participants to **International Forum on Large & Complex Project Management** which will take place on **April 15th ... 18th 2010** in **Shanghai, China**. The theme of the event is **Large & Complex Project Management Research and Practice in an Era of Globalization and Economic Fluctuations**. The event is **free of charge** for presenters and participants. Presenters and participants are, however, expected to pay for travel and accommodation.

Professor Yun also invites **topics for presentations** by experts, scholars, and entrepreneurs from industry and academia interested in sharing and discussing insights or recent results. The topic submission **deadline is March 1st 2010**.

Professor Yun, who is currently the **Dean of the Department of Construction Management and Real Estate of Tongji University**, and the **Leader of General Project Management Team to Expo Shanghai China 2010**, believes the International Forum on Large & Complex Project Management will be an excellent event for the international project management community: "The event will comprise, in addition to the main theme, several sub-themes covering a wide range of research areas in international large & complex project management such as networks, stakeholders and collaboration. The event targets to contribute to



vision creation, knowledge advancement, and research co-operation in the field of international large & complex project management.” Professor Yun can be contacted at Yunle@kcpm.com.cn . (photo courtesy Le Yun).

The event takes place on April 15th ... 18th 2010, immediately prior to the opening of **2010 World Expo** in Shanghai, China. April 15th is scheduled for registration, and April 16th ... 18th for the event proceedings. One of the three days will be devoted to a social program. A visit to the 2010 World Expo site will also be organized.

Critical activities and deadlines for this event include:

- Emailing presentation title proposals (assuming you are planning to present) to Mr Ma Liang at maliang@expo2010.gov.cn latest on March 1st 2010
- Emailing your participation registration, including name, affiliation and contact information to Mr Ma Liang at maliang@expo2010.gov.cn as soon as possible.

A detailed program will be released on March 15th 2010. The program will be emailed to the selected presenters and the registered event participants. For quick processing of visa applications for entering China, official invitations will be sent to registered event participants immediately subsequent to registration.

The event organizers have reserved several rooms for presenters and participants at **Days Hotel Tongji Shanghai** at 50 Zhangwu Road, Yangpu District, Shanghai, P.R. China. Please navigate to www.daysinn.cn/english/hotel/tongji_a.htm and/or call +86-21 33626888 for further information. Please indicate your participation in the event to be eligible for the reserved rooms.

For any further information about the event, or for assistance in e.g. arranging travel and accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ma Liang at maliang@expo2010.gov.cn . For further information please navigate to www.kcpm.com.cn/2010IFLCPM/index.htm .

The event is organized in collaboration with three Finnish Universities: Aalto University, Åbo Akademi University and University of Oulu.

Co-organizers of the event include:

Shanghai Kerui Construction Project Management Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Construction Group, China Construction 8th Engineering Bureau Ltd.
Shanghai Xiandai Engineering Consultants Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Project Management Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Tongji Project Management and Consulting Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Power Science & Technology Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Jiantong Engineering Consulting & Construction Co. Ltd.
Shanghai Jianke Project Management Co. Ltd

International Project Management Association participates in European Commission project management workshop

International Project Management Association (IPMA) delivered a presentation at the January 20th 2010 event **Project Management to Serve the Commission's Policies**, organized by the **European Union Project Management Community of Practice**. The presentation, **Benefits in applied project management in non-IT projects**, was delivered by Mr **Miles Shepherd**, International Advisor and Correspondent for PMForum in the UK, and Chairman of IPMA Council of Delegates. The event was chaired by Mr **Alain Dumort**, Head of Unit, Communication projects and strategies, DG COMM.

The European Commission established a **Project Management Community of Practice** two years ago to encourage the widespread use and development of project management methodologies and best practices within the European Union.

IPMA has been in dialogue with the European Commission to increase IPMA involvement in and contribution to European Union activities. Insight-offering presentations by renowned speakers, such as this one focusing on non-IT based project management by Mr Shepherd, is one of the ways IPMA is contributing to the enhancement of European Union and European Commission operations.



In the photograph (from left to right): Eric Manson, Miles Shepherd, Jeff Harris and Günther Lauer (photo courtesy Jesús Martínez-Almela)

Mr Shepherd was excited about the opportunity to deliver the presentation to European Commission, and to its Community of Practice. He remarked that as a tax payer, we all have a close interest in the efficient use of resources and this was also becoming a major focus for the Commission. As the EU carries out or commissions some of the largest projects in the world, the importance of effective project management assumes even greater importance.

Mr Shepherd has been involved with project management in one form or another for more than 30 years, and has led a variety of projects in UK, Eastern Europe, Russia and USA including several on behalf of the EU. He has a background in defense, development of Information Technology strategy, implementation of major IT projects and nuclear decommissioning. Qualified to Post Graduate level in computing, he moved on to develop specialized project management training for UK Government information technology staff. He may be contacted at miles.shepherd@msp-ltd.co.uk.

Mr Shepherd has wide experience in professional project management societies and was instrumental in engineering the original cooperation agreement between IPMA and the Project Management Institute. He is involved in project management education and research with a number of universities in the United Kingdom and holds several visiting posts in UK and abroad. He has published numerous academic papers and has addressed many PM conferences worldwide. Mr Shepherd has been serving as Global Editorial Advisor and International Correspondent for PMForum in the UK since September 2006.

UN – Finnish Project to Develop Software for Land Administration in Developing Countries

According to *UN Daily News Digest*, a new 2.4 million USD project between the **United Nations (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** and **Finland** aims to help countries develop affordable land administration systems to improve tenure security and land governance.

Ghana, Nepal and **Samoa** will be the first to participate in the project, designed to help FAO member countries test and adopt low-cost open source technology to better maintain land records. Their experiences will be disseminated to encourage other countries to consider the advantages of open software solutions in the development of their land administration.

According to Mr **Alexander Müller**, the FAO Assistant Director-General, effective and transparent land administration plays an important role in ensuring the security of rural and urban populations: "The project responds to a real demand in a



context where land administrations commonly lack tailored and flexible software tools necessary to effectively maintain and develop the cadastre [register] and land registration processes," he noted. (photo courtesy www.iisd.ca)

Using information technology systems is one of the key ways to reduce corrupt and non-transparent land management practices. Effective information technology systems also improve the structure and accessibility of records, facilitating knowledge-based decision making and wider data dissemination.

According to Mr **Paavo Väyrynen**, the Finnish Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, effective and transparent land administration is a vital element for food security, poverty reduction and sustainable use of natural resources and is becoming increasingly important in many parts of the developing world: "This new FAO program clearly reflects the priorities of our development cooperation policy, which includes the promotion of high technology solutions in development activities. We look forward to seeing the results." (photo courtesy www.stat.fi)



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