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Project Management News from South Africa *End of February 2010*

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News from PM Professional Organizations

PMSA News



PMSA is proud to host its 6th Biennial National Conference in 2010, and registration has opened.

The First Call for Papers and the Call for Symposium (industry practice papers) have also been issued.

This event continues to be the only non-commercial, national project, programme and portfolio management conference presented by a professional association in South Africa. It attracts delegates from South Africa and abroad and has earned respect and recognition from the global project management fraternity as a world-class event.

PMSA Conference 2010
Review - Reflect - Renew
Project Insights Gained & Lessons for the Future

The build-up to 2010, with South Africa's physical and IT infrastructure, hospitality and business service development to meet its obligations as host of the 2010 FIFA World Cup resulted in an enormous number of projects with 2010 as deadline.

By September 2010, the event will be over and the world will know how South Africa performed as host and how it delivered on the projects that were completed in time for this auspicious year.

In the rest of the world, the past 18 months has presented other project management challenges. All of this makes late 2010 an ideal time to review what we have achieved, reflect on what the past few years have taught us, and apply these lessons learned to renew our approach, practices and mindset for the challenges of the future.

Contact the PMSA National Office for more information: +27 11 257-8003, or email enquiries@pmsaconference.co.za

For more information visit PMSA's website at <http://www.pmsa.co.za>.

PMI SA Chapter News

The Chapter's strategy, bylaws, agreements with other associations and many other interesting documents are available on their website. See <http://www.pmi.org.za>.



APM SA News



The IPMA Research Management Board is hosting the festival of Knowledge Seminar in Cape Town with the underlying theme of Knowledge in the new economy. Several speakers from the UK and Germany will make contributions. Announcements will be made about improvement in content and structure of project management knowledge offerings in SA. Visit <http://safk.einovainstitut.eu> for further information and registration.

APMSA has a scheduled AGM meeting on 5th March 2010 in Randburg, South Africa. A new board needs to be elected and exciting new initiatives are considered to enhance the membership benefit to APMSA members.

Visit APMSA's website at <http://www.apmsa.org.za> for more information.

PM Education News

APMSA Assessor Workshop IPMA Assessor for APMSA visited South Africa in January for an assessor workshop. The workshop was attended by academics, persons from industry with varied requirements and other APMSA assessors. Assessor practice was discussed and experiences and methods were exchanged. Learning

materials contents were evaluated in terms of Bloom's taxonomy. The revised NQF scales were discussed and explained.

APMSA needed the combined experience of the assessors to validate a new APMSA product for the Evaluation of project manager apparent competence. Industrial organizations need to invest in training of project management personnel. Before investing a significant amount in training and certification, it needs an indication if the project manager has the potential to improve so that the organization receives benefit for the investment.

The evaluation product and service show provides the following information of the project manager.

1. Apparent competence at IPMA Level.
2. The evaluated Knowledge IPMA Level
3. His current job position requirement in terms of IPMA Level
4. His current project execute at IPMA Level.
5. Personal Preference Behavior profile

From these evaluations it is now possible with a reasonable level of certainty, to make recommendations about personal career development and organization constraints.

PM Events

PMSA Breakfast Event: Port Elizabeth

Delivering Successful Projects in Tough Economic Times

Date: Friday, 19 March 2010, Time: 07h30

Venue: Elizabeth Place, Pickering Park, Port Elizabeth

Speakers: Taryn van Olden, CEO, PMSA; Patrick Monks, Senior Services Manager, Business Connexion; Prof Piet Naudé, Director of NMMU Business School; Nkuli Poya, DDG Roads Infrastructure, Public Transport and Traffic Management; Andre Engelbrecht, Services Executive, Business Connexion; Guy Jelley, CEO, Post Vision Technology

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