

# "Project Risk Management Symposium 2008" in Greece was a great success!

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**Project Risk Management Symposium 2008 in Greece: 220 delegates attended!**



The **PMI Athens, Greece Chapter** organized the first Risk Management event for Project Management ever. The event was titled "**Project Risk Management Symposium 2008**" and was held in Athens, Greece, at 19<sup>th</sup> of June 2008. More than 220 delegates have attended the symposium.



The **Project Risk Management Symposium 2008** commenced at 09.00 by Dr. **George Diakonikolaou**, PMI GREECE Vice President of Events & Special Projects and Symposium Chairman. Welcome speeches were given by:

- Mr. **Theofanis Giotis PMP**, President of PMI GREECE and CEO of ITEC

## **Symposium timetable**

### **M O R N I N G   S E S S I O N**

08.30-09.15: Registration

09.15-09.45: Introduction from the PMI Athens, Greek Chapter. Welcome Speeches

09.45-11.00: Dr Hillson 1<sup>st</sup> part. "**Key Concepts. Understanding uncertainty and risk**"

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-13.00: Dr Hillson 2<sup>nd</sup> part. "**Practical action. The risk management process**"

### **E V E N I N G   S E S S I O N**

13.00-14.15: Lunch Break

14.15-15.20: Dr Hillson 3<sup>rd</sup> part. "**Implementation issues and Conclusion**"

15.20-15.45: Coffee break

15.45-16.45: **Panel Discussion** Moderated by Dr. Konstantinos Kirytopoulos

16.45-17.00: Closing Session, Conclusions and next steps

The main message of the Project Risk Management Symposium 2008 was the following: «**If you don't Attack Risks, Risks will Attack You!**»





Dr. David Hillson was the keynote speaker of this symposium. Dr. Hillson ([www.risk-doctor.com](http://www.risk-doctor.com)) is an international risk management consultant, and the Director of **Risk Doctor & Partners**. Many senior managers have benefited from his insights through personal coaching and mentoring, and he has assisted a wide range of organizations to develop effective in-house risk processes and successfully manage their risk. David has developed a number of innovations in risk management, which have been widely adopted. He is best known for championing the inclusion of opportunity in the risk process, and has developed a practical approach to understanding and managing risk attitudes (see [www.risk-attitude.com](http://www.risk-attitude.com)).

David is an active member of the global Project Management Institute (PMI) and was a founder member of its Risk Management Specific Interest Group (SIG). He received the **PMI Distinguished Contribution Award** for his work in developing risk management over many years. He is a Fellow of the UK Association for Project Management (APM) and past Chairman of its Risk SIG. David is also a Fellow of the Institute of Risk Management (IRM), the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce (RSA), and the Chartered Management Institute (CMI).

The range of professional services offered by **Risk Doctor & Partners** include:

- Coaching and mentoring, providing personal input and support to key individuals or small teams, aiming to share and transfer expertise
- Organizational benchmarking, using proven maturity models to understand current risk management capability in terms of risk culture, processes, experience and application, then defining realistic and achievable improvement targets and action plans to enhance capability
- Process review, comparing your risk management approach against best practice and recommending practical improvements to meet the specific challenges faced by your business
- Risk review, assessing the risk exposure of your bid, project, programme or strategy, identifying and prioritising threats and opportunities, and developing effective responses to optimize project performance and achievement of objectives
- Risk training, offering a range of learning experiences designed to raise awareness, create understanding and develop skills, targeting senior management, programme/project managers, project teams and risk practitioners.

**Round table for Risk Management**

At the end of the Symposium a round table was held to discuss issues about Risk Management in Project Management.

This round table was coordinated by **Dr. Konstantinos Kirytopoulos**, University of the Aegean. The participants at this round table were:







- Dr. **David Hillson**, Director at Risk Doctors and Partners
- Mr. **Harris Xanthopoulos**, Project and Program Manager at Bovis Lend Lease Hellas
















**Participants**

The participants at "Project Risk Management Symposium 2008" were:

- Project Managers
- Program Managers
- Portfolio Managers
- Planning Managers
- General Managers
- Production Managers
- Technical Managers
- Quality Managers
- Business Advisors
- HR Managers
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- «**Project Management: the meaning, the benefits, best practices and international trends**»,  
November 21st 2006 with **320 delegates**
- "**Achieving Project Management Excellence using Best Practices**",  
November 29<sup>th</sup> 2007 with **300 delegates**

## *PMI GREECE*

The PMI Athens, Greece Chapter was founded in 2004, is a non-for profit professional association and it is operating as the Greek PMI Chapter of Project Management Institute. PMI Greece has 360 members from 230 companies that represent all financial sectors in Greece (information technology, telecommunications, construction, banking, public sector etc).

The board members of PMI Greece (2008-2009 term) are:

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## *Event photos*



Event Auditorium



Dr. George Diakonikolaou, Event Chairman with Dr. David Hillson



Dr. David Hillson addressing the event



The PMI Greece Chapter Board of Directors with Dr. David Hillson (from left to right): Mr. Christos Bablekos, Mr. Theofanis Giotis, Dr. Demos Angelides, Mrs Maria Paliouri, Dr. David Hillson, Mr. Nicos Kourounakis, Dr. Panos Chatzipanos and Dr. George Diakonikolaou



Mr. Theofanis Giotis, PMI GREECE President, with Dr. David Hillson



Dr. Konstantinos Kirytopoulos, the PMI RiskSing liaison officer in Greece with Dr. David Hillson



Round table discussion: Dr. David Hillson, Dr. Konstantinos Kirytopoulos and Mr. Harris Xanthopoulos



The PMI RiskSIG exhibition area (from left to right): Mr. Theofanis Giotis, Dr. George Diakonikolaou, Mr. Nicos Kourounakis, Mr. Christos Bablekos, Dr. Panos Chatzipanos, Dr. David Hillson, Dr. Konstantinos Kyritytopoulos, Mrs Maria Paliouri, Mr. Dimitrios Bellos and Dr. Demos Angelides.