

Report on the

First IberoAmericano Project Management Forum

Held in Mexico City June5-9,2000

Some 200 participants from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica Mexico and Venezuela heard 48 presentations (in Spanish, Portuguese and English) at this successful, historic first Forum, on June 6 and 7, sponsored by the Mexico City Chapter of PMI.

There were four parallel tracks for papers and six plenary sessions, with simultaneous translation available in one track and all plenary sessions. Ten half-day and one full-day seminar/workshops were presented on June 5 and 8, before and after the Forum itself, all well attended. Seven corporate sponsors exhibited their products and services throughout the sessions. The Forum was held at the Camino Real Hotel, an architectural landmark with excellent convention facilities.

The Forum Proceedings were distributed in CD ROM format, copies of which are available from Luis Ramirez, the Forum Director, at "Luis Ramirez Ortega" ramirezo@deltapmc.com.mx . The papers are in their original languages, either Spanish, Portuguese or English.

One of the plenary presentations, "What CEOs Must Demand to Achieve Effective Project Management", by Russ Archibald, can be seen here on the PMFORUM at <http://www.pmforum.org/digest/fornew.htm> [PM World July]

The speakers were from a wide range of industries and governmental agencies, and were from all of the countries listed earlier.

Deborah O'Bray, PMI's Secretary Treasurer and Executive Committee Member of the PMI Board of Directors, gave an informative presentation on "Recent Developments Within PMI Worldwide" at one of the plenary sessions, and Steven Townsend, PMI's International Components Manager, gave a paper on "PMI Components: Where Members Can Participate and Learn." "PMI Components" are the chapters, Special Interest Groups (SIGS) and other formal groups within PMI.

The Second IberoAmericano PM Forum (Segundo Congreso IberoAmericano de Direction de Proyectos" will be held in Santiago, Chile, sponsored by the Chilean PMI Chapter on 11 to 13 of July, 2001. For information and to receive their call for papers please contact Pamela Rosas, PMI Chile, tel/fax +56 (2) 732-1118, email: pmichile@entelchile.net and by mail: Ave. Santa Maria No. 0508, Santiago, Chile. More information can also be obtained from Myla Goldman, PMI Regional Advocate for Latin America, at jdai007@ibm.net