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Project Creation in Today's Disruptive World

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Some of the Associates

Since 1992, we are holding global symposiums annually without any break. 2021 is the 29th symposium. In 2019, we included WPMF Meet as an addition to the symposium proceedings

Some of the WPMF 2021 Speakers




 Title: Project creation in today's disruptive world

Adesh Jain (India)

Chairman of the International Institute of Projects and Program Management and the founder of the WPMF.




 Title: Meta-governance and Multi-level Governance of Inter-Organizational Networks for projects

Prof. Dr. Ralf Müller (Norway)

Professor of Project Management at BI Norwegian Business School.



 Title: Agility in Corporate Enterprises Realized by Applied Project Management

Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka (Japan)

Founder and past president of Project Management Association of Japan (PMAJ).




 Title: Environments and People Skills that Improve Organizational Performance

Randall L Englund (USA)

As an author, speaker, educator, trainer, professional facilitator and consultant.



 Title: The world is big and salvation lurks everywhere - Typical psychological phenomena and their effect in projects.

Rüdiger Geist (Switzerland)

Managing Director of Spirit at PM GmbH in Switzerland



 Title: The Project Economy Has Arrived, and Why Project Management Had to Be Reinvented

Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez (Belgium)

Global champion of project management and author of the "Harvard Business Review Project Management Handbook" (HBR 2021).




 Title: Mega projects – raw diamonds or raw eggs?

Oliver Maeckel (Germany)

Driving Digitization of Project Business | Partner / Vice President at Siemens Advanta Consulting



 Title: How to evolve from knowledge to competence? A perspective of career development: Learn, Unlearn, Relearn

Raphael Albergarias (Brazil)

Founder and President of IPMA Brazil.



 Title: Risk management. What we could & must learn from COVID!

Laszlo Karolyi (Hungary)

CEO Legrand Hungary & President of French Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry



 Special Concluding Address
Title: Climate Change and Sustainability

Veikko Väilä (Finland)

Advocating Climate Change & Sustainability

Panel Topic: Global Advisors Panel on New Challenges for Project Management



Roberto Mori (Italy)

Former President of IPMA Signatory of WPMF Charter.



Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka (Japan)

Founder of PM Association of Japan Signatory of WPMF Charter.



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Roberto Mori will Chair the Panel

Come – Network – Share – Unlearn – Learn – Discover – Apply - Change

List of 18 out of 30 global thought leaders who would address the WPMF2021

All timings are at (GMT +5.30 hrs). Participants from all over the world can view either Live or Recorded Videos on any one the 3 days.

15 Dec.
11.00-11.55



Adesh Jain (India) is the Chairman of the International Institute of Projects and Program Management (i2P2M) and the founder of the World Project Management Forum (WPMF). In 2010, his postal stamp (limited edition) was released by the Government of Turkey in recognition of his global contribution - a visionary leader shaping the PM profession globally.

Topic: Project Creation in Today's Disruptive World

One needs to consciously make oneself globally competitive. A major challenge to the human brain is to fight for its own survival in this new social and technological age. Project creation needs to keep agility in this emerging reality of disruptive change.

15 Dec.
14.00-14.55



Prof. Dr. Ralf Müller (Norway) is Professor of Project Management at BI Norwegian Business School. He lectures and researches in leadership, governance, and OPM. His research appeared in more than 280 academic publications. A recent study by Stanford University placed him among the top 2 percent of the most influential scientists worldwide. Prior to his academic career, he spent 30 years in the industry.

Topic: Meta-governance and Multi-level Governance of Inter-Organizational Networks for projects

Based on studies of complex large and megaprojects in the construction industry, the presentation outlines the meta-governance dimensions that steer the development of governance structures for networks of networks of organizations which, in turn, impact the multi-level governance.

15 Dec.
15.00-15.55



Oliver Maeckel (Germany) is Vice President and Partner at Siemens Advanta Consulting, Germany. He has been with Siemens AG since 1997. The focus of his current work is, in particular, the development and delivery of "first-of-its-kind" large-scale projects and especially the digitization of project business processes. Over the last years, he and his team have supported more than 200 major and mega projects in the pre-sale, sales and execution phase.

Topic: Mega projects – raw diamonds or raw eggs?

Mega projects are raw eggs, developed well they will change to be raw diamonds instead. The number of large projects continues to grow over the last decades. Nonetheless, these projects are more than often the first of their kind and therefore moving the final frontier. Scaling up things and working in this area is often risky due to many new situations and uncertainties. Developed, created and executed with excellence, the eggs will become diamonds. Presentation will deal with the problems faced and emerging risks leading to solutions.

15 Dec.
16.00-17.30



Roberto Mori (Italy) MScEng has a rich background in Project Management of turn-key projects of industrial plants having covered several roles in Tenova, one of the World leaders for iron, steel and mining technologies retiring with the position of Director –Operations. Was Former President of IPMA Italy-ANIMP and President, IPMA. Is a well-known Trainer on project, risk and contract management. (Will Chair the GA Panel)

Topic: Global Advisors Panel on New Challenges for Project Management

Until the outbreak of the pandemic, the world had already seen an exponential growth of areas, sectors, activities characterized by the VUCA context. However, the pandemic has suddenly ended this process, plunging us all into a disruptive world that is likely to be the new global norm for a long time to come. This implies that new projects have to be conceived, created and implemented that were unthinkable two years ago. The panellists will present their vision of the future projects world from the perspective of their different cultures and backgrounds.



Professor Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka (Japan)



Raphael Albergarias (Brazil)



Rüdiger Geist (Switzerland)



Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez (Brussels)

16 Dec.
10.00-10.55



Professor Dr. Hiroshi Tanaka (Japan) is in the forefront of global PM community over the past half century. He is professor of strategy and project management. Is a well-known PPM trainer covering Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America. Is the founder and past president of Project Management Association of Japan (PMAJ).

Topic: Agility in Corporate Enterprises Realized by Applied Project Management

COVID-19 pandemic, VUCA/ BANI environment, global sustainability commandment, and disruptive technology have changed the landscape of industry and society. Project management needs to respond to this global transition.

16 Dec.
11.00-11.55



Randall L Englund (USA) as an author, speaker, educator, trainer, professional facilitator, and consultant for the Englund Project Management Consultancy delights in sharing his passion for project, program, and portfolio management. He is co-author of seven books in the business and management field. He received the Distinguished Contributions Award from PMI.

Topic: Environments and People Skills that Improve Organizational Performance

Creating excellence in project management occurs when sponsors appoint appropriate project leaders, and they apply methodologies, viewpoints, insights, and leading practices to optimize project-based work. Organizational maturity requires that leaders reduce organizational "toxins".

16 Dec.
12.00-12.55



Prof. Dr. Raphael Albergarias (Brazil) is an outstanding contributor in the project management. A globetrotter committed with excellence and organizational performance. Executive coordinator of doctorate and master's degrees in distinguished universities (Sorbonne, Paris, Bordeaux) in the fields of Project Management, Marketing and Finance. He is the Founding President of IPMA Brazil.

16 Dec.
14.00-15.25



Resource Persons (India, Italy and Philippines)

The panellists are the recipients of the 2021 Honorary CEPM Fellowship award. Since 1995, this fellowship award is conferred every year to those individuals across the world who have made a significant contribution to project management or demonstrated their leadership. As on now, we have 97 Honorary CEPM Fellows.



Luigi Iperiti (Italy)
CEO, Techint Industrial Corporation



Rene E. Fajardo (Philippines)
Executive Director, CMDF



Arvind Kumar
MD, Chennai Petroleum Corporation



VR Sharma
Managing Director, JSPL



Manoj Kumar
CMD, Western Coalfield



RN Singh
Chairman, DVC



M V Raj Sekhar
Director, BEML



DK Ojha
DDG, Ministry of Health.

16 Dec.
15.30-16.25



Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez (Brussels) is an Author of the Harvard Business Review Project Management Handbook, the featured HBR article The Project Economy Has Arrived, and four other books, Antonio is the creator of concepts such as the Project Economy and the Project Manifesto. His research and global impact in modern management have been recognized by Thinkers50. Fellow and Former Chairman of the Project Management Institute, he is the founder of Projects&Co and co-founder of the Strategy Implementation Institute. He is a member of Marshall Goldsmith 100 coaches.

16 Dec.
16.00-17.25



Rüdiger Geist (Switzerland) is managing director of Spirit at PM GmbH in Switzerland. He holds a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University and numerous credentials from IPMA and PMI. He teaches Project Management at HWZ Zurich, University of Reykjavik and St. Petersburg University. His PM simulation Swiss Island® won many awards.

17 Dec.
16.30-17.25



Veikko Väilä (Finland) has provided management consulting services for thermal & nuclear power projects, pulp & paper plant projects and mega-size infra projects including harbor, metro, airport, rail- and motorway projects. Veikko is a member of the Advisory Board of the Climate Leadership Coalition, the largest non-profit climate business network in Europe. Veikko is a former President and Secretary General of the International Project Management Association (IPMA). He has lived in 5 countries and worked in more than 50 countries.

Concluding Session: 16.00-17.25

Topic: How to evolve from knowledge to competence? A perspective of career development: Learn, Unlearn, Relearn

"The illiterate of the future are not those who can't read or write but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." Alvin Toffler

Topic: Wisdom Sharing – Lessons Learnt for Future

In this panel discussion, each of the eight participants will speak about their experience on the disruptions and uncertainties. Following this each participant will comment on some of the points raised by the other panellists and pass on their own message to the PM community.

Topic: The Project Economy Has Arrived, and Why Project Management Had to Be Reinvented

Today, about 70% of projects fail to deliver their objectives. Considering that every year approximately 48 trillion US dollars are invested in projects, we fail to deliver trillions of benefits, value, and impact in organizations and society at large. If we increase our success ratio from 30% to 60%? Just imaging the amount of value that we would be adding to the world, approximately the GDP of China in extra benefit. To achieve this incredible goal, project management and projects managers will need to reinvent themselves.

Topic: The world is big and salvation lurks everywhere - Typical psychological phenomena and their effect in projects.

Flexible organizational forms such as networks, clan organizations or project alliances are taking their place. The tasks that have to be performed frequently present themselves in new, often unpredictable ways. Human behavior is the master key.

Topic: Climate Change and Sustainability

A large number of the world's leading companies and financial markets have made up their minds: their money is on its way to a low-emission economy. This means that the market for low-emission products and solutions is growing, while the market for high-carbon products is stagnating and will soon shrink. Countries, companies and investors now have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to scale zero-carbon industries in the 2020s, to create prosperous growth and more resilient economies. The countries that create lucrative conditions and incentives for the new solutions will win big time in getting investments, new jobs and export income.

The remaining eight speakers for the Day 3, December 17 are to be published in the next version of the Brochure.