

International Project Management Committee



Overview and Activities

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IPMC Background

- Established by members of space agencies, companies and professional organizations
- Initial discussions in Galveston, Texas following NASA Project Management Challenge 2010
- First formal session held in Paris on 25 March 2010 during IAF Spring Meetings

Goal: To establish a means to share experiences and best practices with space project/program management practitioners at the global level

Structure

- Established as an IAF Committee
- 30+ members from space agencies, companies, universities and professional organizations
- Meets at least twice per year
 - IAC and IAF Spring Meetings
 - Also holds periodic videocons and telecons
- Works closely with the IAF's Space Education and Outreach (SEOC), Workforce Development and Young Professionals Committees

Objectives

- Exchange information on program/project management, technical workforce development, best practices, and other activities of mutual interest
- Organize specialized symposia/events on topics of interest to the international space project management community
- Cooperate with other organizations interested in the enhancement of space project management practices
- Undertake studies, reports & projects that contribute to the improvement of space project management at the global level
- Facilitate opportunities for collaboration among members

IPMC Activities to Date

- Review of International Project Management course materials
- IPMC member participation in selected NASA training events:
 - PI-led science mission project management forum (April 2010)
 - Lessons learned from Space Shuttle forum (May 2010)
 - Foundations of Aerospace at NASA course (August 2010)
 - International Project Management course (Jan-Feb 2011)
 - Included ESA- and JAXA-led modules
- Masters with Masters events
 - NASA-ESA at IAC in Prague
 - NASA-DLR at NASA HQ
 - NASA-ESA at JPL
- Project Management Challenge 2011 international track

Next Steps

- Next IPM course offering in summer 2011 at KSC
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- Planning events for Oct. 2011 International Astronautical Congress in Cape Town, South Africa
 - Provides a unique opportunity to focus on the space workforce needs and challenges in Africa
- Seeking to expand contacts with space-related workforce development and training practitioners at the global level
 - IPMC members welcome interest from space agencies, companies and universities

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