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

• 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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