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Get Ready..... The PMISCC 2005 International Project Management Conference is coming soon

The wait is over from 2003. PMISCC is pleased to announce that the 2005 International Project Management Conference will be held on September 27 & 28 at the Crowne Plaza hotel, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

Over 24 local and international presenters would share real life experiences and lessons learnt on projects that can be immediately applied to your projects. In addition, you can hear world-class speakers and leaders in the field of project management. The conference would also provide an excellent opportunity to network with key professionals, government officials, academics, researchers, PMI officials and others in the field. The cost for members is US\$400 and Non-members US\$450. One-day will cost US\$250. Special packages would be available for US\$100 for those that cannot attend. Each attendee would receive a free CD with all presentations and papers. This is an excellent opportunity to earn valuable PDU's

The conference is being planned by our Vice President, Special Events, Krishna Narine, PMP. Further details can be obtained from the Secretariat, Jemma Ramjattan at 658-6906-7

PMISCC advises St.Lucia on Project Management and the CSME.....President Ramtahal provides insight into CSME

The PMISCC has been recently hosted by the Government of St. Lucia under the auspices of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Trade and the St. Lucia Project Management Association. A high-powered delegation headed by PMISCC President Narayan Ramtahal, PMP and Vice President, Marketing, Ivan Hinkson, PMP addressed key government officials on the value of project management in transforming the St. Lucia economy. In addition, PMISCC President, Narayan Ramtahal, PMP made a sterling presentation on the CSME (Caribbean Single Market and Economy) and the impact on projects and professionals. The audience was very pleased by the presentation and encouraged Mr. Ramtahal to develop the presentation into a paper that will be presented at the upcoming PMISCC conference in September.

Upcoming Events

July 08

PMP® /CAPM®

Paper Based Exam – UTT
Couva

August

Technical Meeting

**Changes to the PMBOK
(To be confirmed)**

Crowne Plaza
Port-of-Spain

September

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(To be confirmed)**

Crowne Plaza
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September 23

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September 27 & 28

2005 International Project
Management Conference
Crowne Plaza hotel
Port-of-Spain



PMISCC at Component Leaders Conference in Atlanta, USA

PMISCC was invited to present on the accomplishments of our chapter at the recently held PMI Component Leadership Conference in Atlanta, USA. Our President made a presentation to the participants and marketed the PMISCC conference. The audience was excited about the conference and the PMISCC was congratulated on its work in promoting project management in the Caribbean.

PMISCC / AACE Joint Technical Meeting “Best Practices Project Cost Management”

held on Tuesday 19 April 2005 Trinidad Hilton





PMISCC Presents 2005 International Project Management Conference

The Project Management Institute's Southern Caribbean Chapter will hold its **3rd bi-annual International Conference 2005 September 27th- 28th.**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

Features:

- World Class Speakers providing cutting edge techniques for managing Projects
- Exhibitions showing the latest tools and innovations supporting project management
- Networking opportunities with project management professionals
- Professional Development Units (PDUs)
- CD that includes all presentations

Conference Fees

- US \$400 for PMI members
- US \$450 for Non-Members
- US\$250 for one-day only
- US\$100 for special package for those that cannot attend
- Early Bird - 10% discount

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PMISCC Key Activities

Technical Meetings

The PMISCC has held 5 Technical meetings for the year by presenters of international reputation. The next Technical meeting will be on 2005

🌐 **January 25 - Building PM Competency... Delivering Value - *Jimmie L. West, Phd., PMP* - Vice President & Dean of the PM College**

🌐 **February 22 - Risk Assessment Matrix - *Tom Seitz* - Senior Consultant, Shell Global Solutions International**

🌐 **March 02 - Your Future as a Project Manager - *Frank Saladis, PMP* Senior consultant and Instructor in the field of Project Management since 1998. He has had considerable experience working as Project Manager on several large projects with AT&T from 1990 to 1998.**

🌐 **April 19 - Best Practices for Project Cost Management - *Jamie Cool, BS Mech. Engineering* Wide experience in economic analysis, project cost estimating and front-end engineering design for large and small projects with specific emphasis in project cost engineering and project management reporting**

🌐 **May 11 - Communities of Practice - *Thomas W. Grisham, BE, MBA, PMP***

Wide expertise in the following areas:

Projects in Complex, Dynamic, and Multi-Cultural Environments; International Expertise - Lived/Worked/Traveled in 51 countries; Program & Project Management; Mentoring, Coaching, and Partnering; Dispute Management & Resolution; Construction, Engineering, & Commissioning Management; Proposal & Risk Management

PMP® / CAPM® Paper-Based Exams

The Chapter has been facilitating paper based PMP® and CAPM® examinations in Trinidad. Examinations were held on 2004 December 04, 2005 April 08 and 2005 July 08. Another is scheduled for 2005 September 23 based on the 2000 edition of the PMBOK®. Please see the section on Exam Q&A for further information.

PMISCC 2005 Conference

A high level team is currently planning the 2005 International conference which will be held on September 27 & 28 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port-of-Spain Trinidad. The team is headed by VP, Special Events, Krishna Narine, PMP. A Paper Review team consisting of project management practitioners, industry leaders and academics has been appointed to review the paper abstracts. An events coordinator is also being procured to manage the conference. Volunteers can contact the secretariat to earn PDU's.

We are on the Web.....

Our VP, Finance, Carolin Beharry, PMP has been heading a team that is currently developing our website which would be fully functional in time for the registration of the 2005 PMISCC conference. The web site has been designed by Andrew Proudfoot and technical advice has been provided by Volunteer Allan Samaroo, PMP. The site aims to be user friendly and interactive. Even though it is currently under construction, you can log on to <http://www.pmiscc.org>

Education & Certification

PMP® / CAPM® Exams

PMP Certification exams based on the PMBOK Guide 2000 Edition will remain in effect through September 24, 2005.

The PMBOK Guide Third Edition will be in effect beginning September 30, 2005.

CAPM Credential Redesign

PMI recently concluded a market research study with key stakeholder groups focused on the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM™) credential. Based on the findings, PMI has redesigned and repositioned the credential to better meet the needs identified.

The new version is more clearly distinguishable from the Project Management Professional (PMP®) credential.

For additional information, including eligibility requirements, exam preparation, costs and application procedures, please email pmpquestions@pmi.org.

Examination Fees:

PMP®

Member – US\$ 250

Non-Member US\$ 400

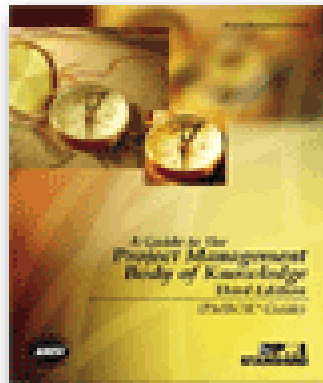
Resit Member –US\$150

Resit Non Member US\$300

CAPM®

Member – US\$ 225

Non-Member US\$ 300



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2005 New PMP® Exam

As has been reported over the past several months, PMI will be updating the PMP® Exam with the latest PMBOK® Guide -Third Edition content. This will be effective September 30, 2005. The CAPM® Exam has already been updated as of January 2005.

PMP Exam Changes

The Revised PMP Credential Examination will test knowledge in the following six domains-

- Initiating the Project - 11.59%
- Planning the Project - 22.7%
- Executing the Project - 27.5%
- Monitoring and Controlling the Project - 21.03%
- Closing the Project - 8.57%
- Professional and Social Responsibility - 8.61%

Additional changes regarding the PMP examination are as follows:

- 25 pretest questions will be randomly placed throughout the new examination to gather statistical information on the performance of these questions in order to determine whether they may be used on future examinations. These 25 pretest items are included in the 200-question examination, but will not be included in the pass/fail determination; candidates will be scored on 175 questions.
- Diagnostic score reports are now being given to all candidates to show their overall pass or fail status. Additionally, candidates are provided with an overall percentage of questions answered correctly for each Domain and Knowledge Area.
- To pass the PMP examination, candidates must answer a minimum of 143 of the 175 scored questions correctly. It is possible to fail one or more of the Domains, yet still pass the exam.

Evolving Profession = Evolving Eligibility Criteria

As the project management profession evolves, the PMP credential must evolve as well. PMI must ensure that project management practitioners who obtain the PMP credential are well versed in the latest trends in project management and have met requirements that reflect the evolving profession. Market research indicates that employers want to hire project management practitioners who have experience leading and directing projects. To better meet this need, PMI is incorporating in the application process the tasks required to effectively lead and direct projects. Beginning 30 August, candidates will be required to document experience in performing tasks within the domains as part of the application process. **However, the hours required to meet the project management education and project management experience requirements for the PMP will remain the same.**

Changes to the PMP Credentialing Process

PMI is strengthening the application process to build upon the credential's rigor and make the process more customer-centric. Changes include:

- A new and improved online application. To be released with the release of the new examination, this easy-to-use system will enable users to view their status throughout the credentialing process.
- Collection of project contact information. Applicants will be required to provide contact information for each project that is submitted as part of the application. During the application evaluation review period and if an application is selected for audit, PMI will contact manager(s) indicated on the application to validate the documented experience.
- Evaluation period. All applications submitted will go through an enhanced review process.
- Instant audit notification. Applicants selected for audit will be notified electronically. Automated follow-up reminder notifications will be issued to candidates electronically throughout the audit process.
- One-year eligibility period. All candidates will be given one year to take the examination. This one-year eligibility period begins when a candidate's application is approved.
- Limit on the number of times candidates will be permitted to test. Candidates will have three opportunities to take and pass the PMP examination within their one-year eligibility period. If candidates do not succeed on the third attempt, candidates will have to wait one year from their third unsuccessful attempt before being permitted to test again.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please e-mail pmpquestions@pmi.org.

Membership Update

Total Members 291

New Members July 2005 62

Submit Project Management Guest

Articles to the *Progress Report*

Do you have articles on project management cases, best practices inter-alia?

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Now that you are a PMP.....What about those 60 PDU's?

Certified Project Management Professionals (PMPs) are required to submit documentation annually that they have accumulated a minimum number of hours of continuing professional education, Professional Development Units (PDUs), in order to maintain the PMP certification.

Please check your re-certification expiration date and send your qualifying PDU information to PMI HQ as soon as possible. This will eliminate any problems with PMI, and ensure that you retain your PMP certification for which you have worked long and hard, in good standing.

While your local chapter provides many PDU opportunities such as technical meetings, committees, and conferences, it is the responsibility of the individual PMP to obtain and submit PDU information. You alone can ensure you are securing and submitting PDUs to fulfill the re-certification requirement.

All information and forms for PMI's Professional Development Program are found on the PMI website.

But here is the short version:

Recently PMI policy has changed in that for events for 2 PDUs or less, the event does not have to be registered on the PMI site. Therefore, here are the directions for claiming PDU credits:

- Go to <http://www.pmi.org>
- Move your mouse over "Professional Development and Careers" at the top. A sub-menu will expand. Click on "Certifications".
- On the left side, click on "Continuing Certification Requirements". Then click on "Claim/View PDUs online".
- Enter your PMI ID number, your PMP certificate number (from your PMP certificate), and the first four characters of your last name (case sensitive) in the fields and click on "Login".
- On the left, there is a link to the PDU reporting form from the transcript and vice versa.
- In the drop down list, select "Category 3: Registered Education Provider Program/ PMI Component Event" and click on "Continue".
- In "Option 3" at the bottom, enter "C022" in the box and click on "Get Programs for this Provider" .

From here, there are variations depending on whether you are claiming PDUs for events for 2PDUs or less or for more than 2 PDUs.

For events with 2 PDUs or less (chapter technical meetings):

- Click on "PMI Component Presentation (one to two PDUs)".
- Fill out the form using the Presentation title from the chapter meeting for the "Course or Event Title" field. Note that the date is in European format (dd/mm/yyyy). Use the pop-up calendar if you have any doubts about the format. Check the "I agree" box and click on "Preview".
- Verify the information and click on "Finalize Submission".

For events with more than 2 PDUs:

- Click on the event for which you are claiming PDUs.
- Fill out the form. Note that the date is in European format (dd/mm/yyyy). Use the pop-up calendar if you have any doubts about the format. Check the "I agree" box and click on "Preview".
- Verify the information and click on "Finalize Submission".

It is the responsibility of each individual to claim PDUs and verify that they are credited. The chapter keeps the signed registration lists in the event of an audit by PMI.

PMI has approved a new process so that the chapter can report PDUs for the participants of an event. ***PMISCC may perform this service for some events at a future date. Until that time, each individual PMP must claim PDUs for each activity or event.***

If you have questions about PDUs or the certification process in general, contact PMI at 1-610-356-4600 (option 8 on the phone menu) or e-mail customercare@pmi.org.

PMPs TAKE NOTE! Participating as a committee member in PMI and providing volunteer services to a community or charitable group as a PMP are considered qualifying activities towards PMP PDUs

**Late Papers for the 2005 International PMISCC
Conference being accepted until 2005 August 16!**

Please submit abstracts to Secretariat:

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Or contact Board Members



PMI sponsors National Engineers Week, February 19-25, 2006.

Project management is a key competency to the engineering profession. PMI is now a corporate sponsor of [National Engineers Week](#), to occur February 19-25, 2006. PMI joins a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, technical, education and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporate and government agencies, all dedicated to raising public awareness of the positive contributions made by the engineering professions. This special week promotes recognition among parents, teachers and students about the importance of a technical education.

As PMI Components, you have an opportunity to engage in activities to support this important week and advocate for the importance of project management in the engineering profession.

The [Future City Competition](#), part of National Engineers Week, is established in middle schools in 40 regions across the USA where students work with a teacher and volunteer engineers to build both computer and three-dimensional model cities of tomorrow. These models are entered into regional competitions in January, and the winner of each regional contest then goes to Washington, D.C., in February to compete in the national finals.

Another important aspect of Engineers Week is its emphasis on the [need for more women entering the field](#), and there are activities to introduce girls to engineering, such as Global Outreach Day, with 48 events taking place via the Internet and telephone from points originating around the globe over a 24-hour period.

To volunteer for either of these activities, please contact Rebecca Moore at rebecca.moore@pmi.org or James McGeehan at james.mcgeehan@pmi.org

Contribute to Portfolio Management Standard!

The Exposure Draft for the Portfolio Management Standard debuted on PMI's Web Site last week. At this crucial juncture, PMI is seeking review and recommendations from those who know PMI Standards best: - their Members. While PMI's Core Standard, A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide), focuses successfully on the project management of single projects, those managing portfolios need additional standards. The Portfolio Management Standard is being developed with this end in mind. At this stage, we are seeking your valuable input and feedback. Your thorough review of the entire document and submission of any recommended additions, deletions or corrections are encouraged and appreciated. The new standard will be published in the second quarter of 2006.



Sponsorship Opportunities

2005 International PMISCC Conference

Packages:

- ✦ Diamond
- ✦ Platinum
- ✦ Gold

Volunteer Opportunities – Earn PDU's and Network

PMISCC invites applications for Volunteers to serve on the exciting activities of the Chapter.

These include

- ✦ 2005 Conference Committee
- ✦ Website Development
- ✦ Marketing and Promotions
- ✦ Publications
- ✦ Education and Certification
- ✦ Finance
- ✦ Sponsorships
- ✦ Strategic Alliances
- ✦ Technical Meetings

Interested?

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