

## CPM GLOBAL INITIATIVES CONTINUE TO EVOLVE

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### INTRODUCTION

The successful 2012 Australian initiative delivered a keynote address to the 2012 PMOZ Conference by Professor Pierre Bonnal from CERN, Geneva Switzerland with supporting presentations by Ms. Lisa Wolf from the USA as well as presentations to the PMI Sydney and Canberra Chapters by Professor Bonnal.

#### **PMGlobal Project Governance and Controls Symposium, Canberra, Australia**

These outcomes provided a platform of interest which enabled PMGlobal (an Australian not for profit foundation which aims to advance project management) to re-establish a one day Project Governance and Controls Symposium which was held in Canberra on the 10th April 2013.

Highlights of the Symposium included:

- Opening Keynote Address by Rear Admiral Michael van Balen RAN, Deputy Chief of the Royal Australian Navy (on behalf of the Chief of Navy);
- Closing Keynote Address by Mr. Gary Troop, President of CPM; and
- Remote Plenary Speaker, Mr. Walt Lipke the inventor of the Earned Schedule extension to Earned Value Management. This was to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of the publication of the seminal paper, "Schedule is Different" in the Measurable News in 2003.

All keynote presentations were very well received, particularly the international perspective on developments in project controls and EVM presented by Gary Troop for CPM. The quality of presentations and re-establishing the Symposium in Canberra after a 6 year break received very positive comment by attendees. In more positive signs for the future, the Symposium was also attended by delegates in leadership roles from both PMI (including PMI Canberra Chapter President) and the Australian Institute of Project Management. In addition to demonstrating CPM's ability to collaborate with PMI and other professional bodies these developments have provided opportunities for future collaboration.

Another positive outcome from the Symposium was that interest was expressed in the creation of a CPM Australia Chapter with a follow up request for Guidelines on Chapter formation received.

#### **2014 Symposium Hosted by the Australian Defence Force Academy**

Due to the very senior level of local support provided to the Symposium in conjunction with the strong international presence, the University of New South Wales at Canberra (UNSW @ Canberra) has agreed to host the 2014 Symposium which will be held on 6-7 May 2014.

UNSW @ Canberra which is located at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) will be the site of the 2014 Symposium. UNSW Canberra has provided high quality undergraduate and postgraduate education to the Australian Defence Force at ADFA since the Academy opened in 1986. Undergraduate students are mostly all midshipmen of the Royal Australian Navy and officer cadets of the Australian Regular Army and the Royal Australian Air Force. More details are available at <http://info.unsw.adfa.edu.au/index.html>.

#### **PMI Australia National Conference**

As an independent initiative which also arose from the 2012 events, Ms. Lisa Wolf from Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) in the Washington DC area was invited to keynote at the inaugural PMI Australia (PMI AUS) National Conference which was held at the Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbor in Sydney on 1-3 May 2013. The PMI AUS Conference is a joint initiative of the six Australian PMI Chapters. Lisa's very well received presentation was "Lessons Learned from the Trenches of Project Surveillance" covered her and Booz Allen Hamilton's experiences of project surveillance on US Government agency programs.

While funded by PMI AUS this invitation provide the opportunity for Ms. Michelle Jones's from BAH to attend the Conference where she presented on "EAC Maturity" as well as present to a very appreciative PMI Canberra Chapter "full house" audience on the Booz Allen Hamilton (and National Reconnaissance Office) experience with Earned Schedule.

### EVM Europe Conference

The EVM Europe Conference also continues to evolve with the EVM Europe 5 conference being held at Ghent University in Belgium on the rescheduled dates of 3-4 December 2013 which avoids the USA Thanksgiving period. In addition to celebrating the milestone of the 5th Conference, it also planning to recognize the 10th anniversary of the publication of the Earned Schedule seminal paper "Schedule is Different" by Walt Lipke in 2003, the outcomes of the first year of the €1.2 million 6 project controls/EVM research project will be presented at this Conference. Details are available from the EVM Europe website at [www.evm-europe.eu](http://www.evm-europe.eu).

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**EVM Europe 2013: December 3-4, 2013, Ghent, Belgium**

Despite the prior announcement of the EVM Europe board that the next event will be held on December 4-5, 2013, the dates have been changed to December 3-4, 2013. Please, update your agenda accordingly.

**EVM Europe 2013 - Ghent University - Ghent (Belgium)**

**Welcome**

Welcome to the website of EVM Europe, the European organization to bring practitioners and researchers together to share new ideas, to stimulate innovative research and to advance the state-of-the-art and best practices on project control. At EVM Europe, research meets practice at our yearly conferences. After Geneva (Switzerland), Ghent (Belgium), Valencia (Spain) and Twente (The Netherlands), EVM Europe moves back to its origin. It is our pleasure to let you know that the fifth annual EVM Europe conference will be held at **Ghent, Belgium, on December 3-4, 2013.**

**Who should attend?**

- Project, programme and portfolio managers who want to share their experience on integrated project controls
- Project planners and risk managers with experienced knowledge in integrative project scheduling and risk analysis
- Young professionals who wish to gain understanding of how to set up and carry out projects
- Executives who want to apply project management in their organisation
- Academics, students and researchers, who wish to share relevant ideas with experienced project controllers
- Managers and staff of project support offices (PSO) and project management offices (PMO)
- Project (financial) controllers and people in project control

All topics are relevant for project managers working in both the private and public sector, and apply to large and small projects with critical performance, time and budget targets.

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### Future Developments

At the time of writing this article discussions have commenced with the EVM Europe Association on the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CPM which will advance the objectives of both organizations and in particular the CPM mission of advancing EVM and other project performance management techniques globally. Similar discussions have commenced with PMGlobal in Australia who are open to assisting with establishing a CPM Chapter in Australia which focuses on meeting the needs of the project control community.

### Conclusion

While it is still early, the global initiatives undertaken by CPM in Europe and Australia have demonstrated considerable success and many positive signs for future developments. The initiatives have also demonstrated that CPM's expertise in EVM is respected and we are able to work positively and collaboratively with PMI Chapters on initiatives of mutual benefit to our respective organizations.

## 2013 PMGLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND CONTROLS SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS

(L) **Opening Keynote Address**  
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of Navy)



(R) **Remote Plenary Speaker**  
Mr. Walt Lipke, Inventor of the  
Earned Schedule extension  
to Earned Value Management

(L) **Closing Keynote Address**  
Mr. Gary Troop, President, College  
of Performance Management



(R) **Mr. Peter Colquhoun**  
Engineering Service Manager  
Munitions Branch, DMO  
Peter's title slide is of a spectacular  
controlled demolition of obsolete  
Explosive Ordnance at Woomera in  
South Australia



(L) **Ms. Lisa Wolf**  
Making a point during her keynote  
presentation at the inaugural PMI  
Australia National Conference

(R1) **Ms. Michelle Jones**  
Discussing some of the more  
technical points about EVM with  
one of the delegates at the PMI  
Australia National Conference



(R2) **Ms. Michelle Jones**  
Presenting to the PMI Canberra  
Chapter

