

# PMI WA-Chapter Newsletter

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## Special Points of Interest

- 3rd annual International Conference coming in July in Bangalore, India
- Improved membership enrollment process on PMI Global website
- Best ever turn-out at a WA-Chapter Meeting
- Richard Tempest collected the most WA-Chapter PDUs in 2007

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## From the Desk of the President

Due to difficulties with the new [www.PMI.org](http://www.PMI.org) website's membership renewal process, I am pleased to inform you that we have incorporated much of your feedback and continue to release enhancements to the PMI.org web-based membership enrolment. The process is now shorter, more direct and component memberships are easier to find. We are committed to ongoing continuous improvement in this area.

PMI have a special offer – allowing new members to join one component at no additional charge to them for the period of their original PMI membership. This offer was originally made available, in phased e-mailings, to new members who joined between 1 July and 31 December 2007. **We have extended the special offer to members who joined PMI from 1 January 2008**

## PMI's Specialty Credentials

Would you like to be among the first to hold a specialty credential that PMI is developing in response to strong market demand?

PMI will conduct a public pilot for the credentials of :

- "Project Scheduling" and

### through 8 February 2008.

These dates align to our release of significant web enhancements. The most recent PMI.org e-blast was mailed this week and expires on 5 March 2008.

On another note, we had our best ever turnout at a chapter meeting in Feb! Congratulations to all those who had acted on their New Year's resolution to come to all Chapter Meetings, Education, and Special Events.

Richard Tempest PMP received the surprise door prize for collecting the most PDUs through the Chapter in a year. Well done Richard!

What did you miss by not coming to the Chapter Meeting? We received an insightful presentation of SNC Lavalins internal project management methodologies PM+.

I was happy to note the alignment with the PMBOK Framework.

A big thanks to their sponsorship of the evening and PMI WA-Chapter.

Steve Meintjes, PMP  
President, PMI WA-Chapter



Already, eligibility requirements have been determined by PMI in consultation with subject matter experts in each specialty.

Herman Veltkamp, PMP  
Communications Director

Watch for the opportunity to participate in the pilot and to contribute towards the credential development process.

## From the Desk of the Education Director

### PMI WA Strategic Education '08 Goals

- Scholarship
- Community Outreach
- Low-fee Seminars
- Regular Seminars

In December 2007 newsletter, I said I would outline more in relation to the four goals of my strategy for 2008 in the Education Portfolio and I shared with you the Scholarship Program.

In February, I focused on two more of my strategic goals: the Community Outreach Program and on the Low-fee Seminars.

This month, I share my thoughts on the Regular Seminars.

Regular seminars will be scheduled in 2008 and will be held during business hours from 2- to 5-hours.

These seminars will be facilitated by various training providers in collaboration with the Chapter's Education Portfolio.

We will focus more on project management, risk management, and environmental management related courses, bearing in mind that Greenhouse Gas Emission has become a global issue which necessitates application of project management principles to achieving a desired outcome.

The seminar will also focus on Project Management Information Systems e.g. MS Project, Crystal Ball®, Primavera, PertMaster, Merak PEEP etc.

The idea is to negotiate with training providers to offer discount to PMIWA members.

To this effect, there is an ongoing discussion with PCS Australia, Curtin University Computer Training Centre and Hearne's Scientific Software in Melbourne, the vendor for crystal ball, Mathcad, Eviews and SigmaPlot.

Dr. Eben Sholarin, PMP  
Education Director



## See you in Sydney 3- to 5-March !!

### Theme:

**“Innovating Project Management to Improve Business Results”**

A reminder that the Asia Pacific Global Congress takes place at the **Sydney Hilton from 3-5 March.**

This is an excellent chance to experience these great events without leaving the country. Don't miss out - check out the [Sydney Congress website \(http://congresses.pmi.org/AsiaPacific2008/\)](http://congresses.pmi.org/AsiaPacific2008/).

Earn up to 14.5 PDUs !!

PMI® global congresses are the premier events of choice for professional development and education, networking, information sharing, and recognition for project management practitioners worldwide.

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Nigel Rarp, PMP  
Secretary

## Members 'Corner'

### CALL TO MEMBERS

*Share your Project Management questions, advice, or perspectives to benefit the PMI WA-Chapter audience*

Dear 'Ed'  
I understand a PMP has to earn PDUs to retain their 3-year PMP license/ PMP certification. Do the PMI CAPM and PgMP certifications have similar on-going requirements; and, if so, what are these?

“Ed”– Thanks for your query. The answers are as follows:  
- CAPM does not formally require PDUs; however, it is always a good idea to keep current and keep pace. It's a good habit to get into for your PMP and/or PgMP.

- PgMP requires the same PDU qualification and attainment as the PMP; that is, 60 PDUs in a certification period (also called a CCR period—no, not for Credence Clearwater Revival—rather Continuing Certification Requirements).

I invite everyone to ask questions, provide advice, or perspectives to benefit all of us!

“Ed”, aka  
Herman Veltkamp, PMP  
Communications Director



### Project Management Asia 2008

Due to the ongoing success of the Annual Project Management Australia Conference, the organisers are expanding their reach into Asia.

The Project Management Asia Conference 2008 will be held at the **Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore from 13 to 17 October 2008.**

## Quick Hits

### New International Standard - ISO 21500

The International Standards Organisation (ISO) has initiated work to create a new standard, **ISO21500: Guide to Project Management**. This standard will provide a common reference point for all project management professionals.

Standards Australia on behalf of the ISO are seeking nominations from suitably qualified individuals to participate in the development of the ISO standard as subject matter experts.

If you would like to be involved in the development of the standard please contact James Thomson [james.thomson@standards.org.au](mailto:james.thomson@standards.org.au), or go to the Standards Australia website.

### International Journal of Managing Projects in Business

A new project management journal, edited by Prof. Derek Walker of RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, has

been launched by Emerald.

Emerald's web-site is <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/info/journals/ijmpb/ijmpb.jsp>

The International Journal of Managing Projects in Business provides broad coverage of all aspects of project management, from strategy to planning and implementation with a unique and practical focus on project management in business.

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## Professional Development - Special Events

**Coffey Projects** Special Event is offering a two-day workshop facilitated by Denise DeCarlo, Director of Mindavation a specialist project management training firm headquartered in Colorado, USA with a branch office in Canberra, Australia.

The workshop is designed for experienced project managers wanting to learn techniques to recover existing troubled projects and to understand the early warning indicators that a project is heading in the wrong direction, with the opportunity to gain 14 PDUs.

March 13/14. Fee is \$950. For more information, please refer to <http://www.coffey.com/projects>

**LeaderGroup** is offering a Graduate Certificate in Project and Program Management course starting in July 2008 for current PMPs.

This course comes with the opportunity to gain 80 PDUs whilst also improving your career prospects and improving your knowledge in the

highly regarded field of Project Management.

The course fee is \$7500; however, PMI WA Chapter members, and/ or registered PMPs, are entitled to a \$2000 discount.

For more information, please refer to the Graduate Certificate brochure which can be found at [www.leadergroup.com.au](http://www.leadergroup.com.au)

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Communications Director

**New Offerings**

**from WA-based**

**PMI Registered**

**Education Providers**

## Have your say in these next Editions !!

Here is an opportunity to contribute in 2008!

In the final quarter of 2008, PMI plans to release updated editions of these prominent standards:

- A Guide to the **Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)**, Fourth Edition.
- The Standard for **Program Management**, Second

Edition.

- The Standard for **Portfolio Management**, Second Edition.
- Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3®), Second Edition.

Exposure drafts of these standards will be **available for comment from January 2008, and will remain open for 45 days from the date of posting.**

Please check <http://www.pmi.org/Resources/Pages/Default.aspx>

for details of how and when you can read the drafts. Your review and input are desired and appreciated!

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The WA Chapter's vision is "To be the leader in promoting Project Management best practice, professional development, and standards in Western Australia."

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**Member contributions welcome.** Errors and omissions to [communications@wapmi.org.au](mailto:communications@wapmi.org.au)  
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## Project Management Institute



### SPM-ICON 2008 is the 3rd annual International Conference hosted by QSIT.

This three day event scheduled between July 17 - 19, 2008 at The Leela Palace - Bangalore, India comprises one day of Pre-Conference Tutorials and two days of Conference. SPM-ICON 2008 provides a platform for software project managers, academicians, and professionals to participate, share, publish, and leverage experiences and practices for the common good of the community of practitioners.

SPM - ICON 2008 invites **submissions** from experts who are willing to share their rich experience, knowledge and best practices for the common good of the community of practitioners. Speakers can benefit from speaking opportunities at SPM

-ICON 2008 and confirm their organization's position as an innovative quality leader, and benchmark against other leading experts in the area of software Project Management.

#### Topics for Paper Submission

- Project Management: Paradigms and frameworks
- Project Portfolio Management
- Program Management
- Development Methodologies
- Project Planning and Estimation
- Project Management Processes
- Project Management for non-IT Organizations
- Software Management
- People Management
- Showcasing Best Practices
- PM Skills/ Certifications

#### Deadline for Final Paper Submission

Tuesday, March 10, 2008:

- Submission required of :
- Complete White paper
  - Speaker Profile form
  - Speaker Submission form

Tuesday, April 15, 2008:

- Speakers selection

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