**Professional Development June Update**

*By Ha Nguyen, PMI Sydney Professional Development Director*

What a busy productive time we are having in Professional Development. We are really gaining momentum as a team as everyone is showing real commitment. We have got some great achievements to report from across the portfolio.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have been working with our sponsor PAXUS to develop a **career development** **program** including guidance on career, resume development and interviewing techniques.

 I am delighted to announce that **Alastair Bor** will take on the role of **Associate Director for Career Development** in the Professional Development Portfolio. In his current role as General Manager of Business Change and Solution Delivery, Alastair is responsible for delivering IT and business solutions across all divisions of Transport of NSW. Alastair is very interested in supporting the PMI Sydney Chapter’s new initiative in providing career development services to its members. He has hired and managed project managers for over a decade in various industries and has also had the good fortune to observe some of his mentees become quite successful in their project management careers. I am confident that with his experience and drive for high performance, he will provide great support and help in driving delivery of valuable services to our members.

Alastair will be working closely with Stephen Tompkins at PAXUS in the launch of the new career development workshop scheduled for **Mon 5 August 2013**.

Our Training team has been busy refreshing the Certification preparation class material to include changes for the PMBOK 5th edition.

The Education Team is expanding again - this month we have three new team members to introduce to you:

**Lisa Ker :**

I am currently working on a contract with Westpac in the Data Centre space as Technical Writer/Business Analyst. My role involves documenting process flow, high level technical design document, operations and handover manual, updating and creating floor layout of Westpac main computer room located in Australia using Data centre planner application and any other tasks that I can assist with.
My hobby is learning the piano for leisure and enjoying it.  I love travelling and enjoy time with family as much as I can. Volunteering will give me an opportunity to meet and get to know more friends and also an opportunity to learn and pick up new skills. I am looking forward to the new challenge.

**Katherine Ortiz Vanegas:**

I have a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and certified as a PMP (Project Management Professional), COBIT and ITIL professional, with four years of experience as an IT Consultant including three years as a Project Support Officer specialised in day-to-day project administration tasks.

Being a volunteer is an opportunity to share my skills helping and promoting the Sydney Chapter’s services, events and programs in the Professional Development Portfolio. Also is a good way to meeting interesting people and gain experience to develop my skills in project management or another area related with it.

**Chandrashekhar (Chandra) Bapat:**

Chandrashekhar (Chandra) Bapat is a qualified Engineer and a Project Manager.

After 23 years of corporate career, he started his own consulting in 2013 and is also a director on EPIC-X Pty Ltd.

He is an alumnus of Sydney University and Cambridge University, Six-Sigma Green belt and TAE40110 certified and is a PMP in good standing. Since 2000, he lives in Sydney with his wife and 2 sons and is an Australian Citizen.

By being a volunteer, Chandra will be able to give back to the project management discipline, practice and community which has helped him grow and succeed.

From June, we will be scouring the PMI Communities of Practice to bring you a selection of pre-recorded Webinars on topics of relevance to the Project Management profession.

These webinars are available exclusively to PMI members, and at no additional cost. Participants may claim 1 Professional Development Unit (PDU) per one hour webinar.

We are very excited to be bringing these webinars to you and if they prove popular we will consider hosting our own webinar sessions which will allow attendees to participate and interact in live discussions.

We would welcome your feedback and ideas, so please take a look and let us know what you think.

***Are you a REP looking to Partner with PMI Sydney Chapter?***

PMI Sydney Chapter enjoys its current partnership with Registered Education Providers (REP) actively involved with Chapter activities. This partnership has helped Chapter and the REPs to serve the PM community.

The Chapter is excited to extend this partnership with more REP’s operating in NSW. We are planning to organize a workshop with the REPs to explore the possible opportunities to collaborate. If you are interested please submit your expression of interest to repcoordinator@pmisydney.org by 20th June.

Professional Development Master class

Presented by the PMI Sydney Chapter

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| david hillson |  | **THE RISK DOCTOR http://pmisydney.org/images/stories/events/Risk_Doctor.jpg****PROJECT RISK MANAGEMENT MASTER CLASS** **Presented by Dr David Hillson PMI Fellow, HonFAPM, FIRM Director, Risk Doctor & Partners** |

**Dr David Hillson** is **The Risk Doctor**. As an international risk consultant, David is recognised as a leading thinker and expert practitioner in risk management. He consults, writes and speaks widely on the topic and he has made several innovative contributions to the field. David’s motto is “Understand profoundly so you can explain simply”, ensuring that his work represents both sound thinking and practical application.All projects are risky, and effective risk management is a key contributor to project and business success. Project risk management is well established, with an agreed process, accepted methods and proven techniques. Despite this consensus, some elements of risk management are still problematic. This intermediate level Master Class addresses these sticking–points, presenting practical solutions to the most difficult parts of the risk process.Sydney Chapter Members receive a 50% discount – please ensure you log into the website before registering. You can earn 7 PDU’s by attending this Masterclass which will take place on Thursday 19th September 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at Paxus Offices - Level 19, 99 Walker Street - North Sydney NSW 2060. Please always check the Events Register on our website for any changes to course location or time.  |
| Exciting New Career Development Workshop Presented by the PMI Sydney Chapter**Steve TompkinsCareer Building for Project Managers****Mon 5 August 2013****Presented by Stephen Tompkins Senior Account Director, PAXUS**The current job market is tough and hiring managers and recruiters are currently receiving over 100 applications per role. The market in the Project Management space is seeing levels of competition that were last seen in the GFC. The most successful candidates in today’s market have a planned approach towards their career search. They know how to market themselves, find their next role and secure it.Learn how to position yourself to give you the best chance to secure your next Project Management position and create your professional brand that will make your candidature stand out from the crowd for all the right reasons. Topics include:* Market overview
* The recruitment process
* Job search strategy & structure
* A framework to maximise productive role searching
* The hidden job market
* The role of social media
* LinkedIn
* Applications
* Covering letters
* Building a winning resume
* The interview, the basics & Questions and responses
* Final tips

Take the opportunity to learn from an industry specialist and get to know other project managers currently looking or preparing for their next role. The supportive environment encourages participants to share knowledge and current challenges with fellow group members.The workshop will take place on Mon 5h August 2013 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, at Paxus Offices - Level 19, 99 Walker Street - North Sydney NSW 2060. Exciting Upcoming Short Courses Presented by the PMI Sydney Chapter We have the following short courses coming up in the next few months and registrations are open now. Sydney Chapter Members receive a 50% discount – please ensure you log into the website before registering. You can earn 7 PDU’s by attending our short courses. All classes are run on a Saturday, at Paxus Offices - Level 19, 99 Walker Street - North Sydney NSW 2060. Please always check the Events Register on our website for any changes to course location, date or time.  |
| 29 June 2013 | [Short Course: Change Management for Project Managers](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=378&Itemid=0) | Jennifer Zuber, from Changeworks Consulting, will lead you through a series of exercises, discussions and case studies that will enable you to better understand Organisational Change Management concepts and implementation techniques aligned to a project management framework. After completing this course, you will have an understanding of OCM activities & deliverables, roles & responsibilities, and tools & techniques. Jennifer will also present practical things you can do to overcome OCM obstacles and resistance. |
| 20 July 2013  | [Short Course: Program Management](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=379&Itemid=0) | Craig Wilkins presents an interactive workshop that provides the basic “how to” of program set up and governance, the key roles and responsibilities within a program, the leadership capacity required for success, the linkage from strategic planning through to the delivery of the benefits and very importantly, the differences between program management and project management. |
| 27 July 2013  | [Bridging the Distance: Leading Virtual Teams](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=418&Itemid=0)  | This workshop, led by Gina Davidovic is specifically designed to help managers and team members optimize project performance when working in virtual environments. Participants in this session will learn practical techniques for how to communicate effectively at a distance and build a stronger and more connected team, ultimately increasing productivity. Considering the rise of virtual teams, developing a global mindset among managers is essential. |
| 10 Aug 2013 | [Short Course: Stakeholder Management](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=380&Itemid=0) | This one day program delivered by Monica Lunin, partner at 6 Degrees, will help project managers to build trust-based relationships, articulating value and understanding how to communicate more effectively. Participants will build their skills in the areas of face to face stakeholder encounters and objection handling. |
| 14 Sept 2013 | [Short Course: Agile Principles for Project Managers](http://www.pmisydney.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=376&Itemid=0) | The course is presented by James King, an experienced agile coach and trainer, and aims to provide project managers with the confidence to discuss the benefits and limitations of agile approaches to projects and to understand the thinking behind many of the techniques that are seen as “agile” in modern projects. |