International Project Management Committee

Overview and Activities

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IPMC Background

- Established by members of 15 space agencies, companies and professional organizations (next slide)
- Initial discussions in Galveston, Texas following NASA Project Management Challenge (February 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
## IPMC - Initial Members

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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) and Workforce Development and Young Professionals Committees
Objectives

- Exchange information on program/project management (p/pm), 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
Initial Activities

• Review of international project management course materials
• **Objective**: to improve current content and contribute to future training curricula for the management of international projects
  – Initial exchanges of feedback (June and September 2010)

• 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)

• IPMC member participation in NASA Project Management Challenge 2011 international track (February 2011 in Long Beach, California)
Next Steps

• Considering several special events during Oct. 2011 IAC
  – 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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