

PMI Northern Italy Chapter

Workshop and Conference Center Around the PMO

ON 10 DECEMBER 2008 the PMI Northern Italy Chapter (PMI-NIC) hosted "The PMO as a Business Solution," an event that studied how project management offices (PMOs) fit in between the "business" and "operations" sides of an enterprise. The Milan event also looked at how PMOs contribute to the integration of these two sides, both by supporting project managers and their teams with the application of professional project management practice, and by bringing business interests into the project management environment.

The full-day event was divided into two parts. In the morning, a workshop was presented by Gerard Hill, PMP, a worldwide expert in the field of project management and author of several books on the topics of PMOs, including *The Complete Project Management Office Handbook (Second Edition)* (Taylor & Francis, 2007).

The workshop aimed to provide participants with a set of guidelines for initiating and assessing a PMO. It also analyzed the reasons for establishing a PMO, examined the relationship between a PMO and the external environment (customers, project executives, project team, functional managers, etc.), and proposed a frame of reference and an implementation scenario.

The afternoon began with a conference that presented the activities of the Observatory P³MO (Portfolio/Program/Project Management Office), which is PMI-NIC's workgroup dedicated to monitoring PMO organizations in the Italian market and to analyzing the PMO practice topics in depth.

The day then continued with the presentation of case studies prepared by PMO organizations that participated in the Project Management Office 2008 Award. Participants included Alcatel-Lucent, Banca CR Firenze, UGIS-UniCredit Global Information Services, Comau Italy and Ericsson Marconi. During the conference, the chapter



Above: Shown from left are Nicola Meniconi, member of the P³MO Observatory; author Gerard Hill, PMP; Michele Maritato, PMP, PMI-NIC vice president/organization and responsible for P³MO Observatory; and P³MO Observatory members Giulio Roggero, PMP, and Giuseppe D'Amelio, PMP.



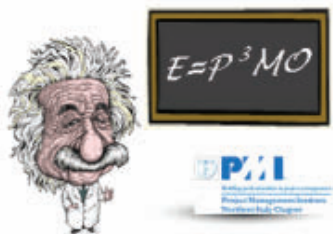
Left: Gerard Hill, PMP, led the morning workshop at "The PMO as a Business Solution," a December event hosted by the PMI Northern Italy Chapter.



A team from Ericsson Marconi was awarded the Project Management Office Award 2008 by the PMI Northern Italy Chapter.

awarded the Project Management Office 2008 award to Ericsson Marconi.

More information on the event is available on the PMI-NIC website, www.pmi-nic.org. For further details, please send an e-mail to osservatoriopmo@pmi-nic.org.



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