Objectives
The IPMA annually presents project management awards to project management teams that exploit and can prove great achievements in project management.
The “IPMA International Project Excellence Award” supports professional project management in achieving high performance in projects and identifies projects as examples of excellent project management.
By awarding teams that prove their success in project management, IPMA recognizes and acknowledges excellent and innovative projects. The IPMA Award motivates project teams to identify and optimize the use of their strengths.

General Benefits
• **Improvement areas:** Applicants find out in which areas their project work can be improved, and experience what promising project management in its entirety means.
• **Benchmarking:** A unique form of benchmarking for project work (Project Benchmarking) results from both the comparison of best project teams performance and the individual project report issued by the international assessors team.

Special Benefits for the Winners
• **Prestige:** The “IPMA International Project Excellence Award” offers a considerable gain of prestige. Award Finalists and Award Prize Winners are published and the logo of the “IPMA International Project Excellence Award” is available for company documents and publications. This enables the team to show that it is one of the most successful and internationally recognized project teams.
• **Exchange experience:** Award Prize Winners are invited to pass on their experience of “Project Excellence” at the annual IPMA World Congress for Project Management.
• **Leading project team:** This is an outstanding opportunity to show their status as a leading project team and to exchange professional experience with the other winners.
• **IPMA World Congress:** The IPMA World Congress documents and other publications provide further opportunities to demonstrate the excellent “Project Achievement” of the team and the organization responsible.

Award Categorisation
Projects from different industries and with certain amount of effort in time and cost can apply for the “IPMA International Project Excellence Awards”. More and even higher criteria have to be fulfilled for the “IPMA International Mega-Project Excellence Award”.

The International Project Management Association (IPMA) has a long tradition, more than 40 years, of a leadership role in the worldwide project management community.
High performance in projects and excellent project management has become imperative in the curricula of today’s business leaders and engineers.
In a move to raise the project management skills, IPMA has launched a Project Excellence model. This is a benchmarking tool to enhance project management and to evaluate project achievements. Based on the model, IPMA has successfully introduced the “IPMA International Project Excellence Award”, and correspondingly, a number of National Awards have been developed by the Member Associations. I invite you to apply for the IPMA International Project Excellence Award 2008.
Veikko Välilä, President of IPMA

**IPMA International Project Excellence Award**

**LEVEL 3:**
Award Winner

**LEVEL 2:**
Prize Winners

**LEVEL 1:**
Award Finalists

**2007 Award Winner**
Jiangsu Sopo (Group) Co. Ltd., China
Project: Technological Revamping Project of 150,000 t/a Acetic Acid

**2006 Award Winner**
T-Systems International, Germany
Project: TDN REWE IP-VPN 2

**2006 Mega PE Award Winner**
Chinese Academy of Space Technology, China
Project: Shenzou 6-Manned Spaceship

**2005 Award Winner**
National Thermal power Corporation Limited, India
Project: Simhadri Thermal Power Project

**2004 Award Winner**
T-systems, Spain (affiliated to Detsche Telecom AG and Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain)
Project: OAC - Open Administration Catalunya

**2003 Award Winner**
UBS AG, Switzerland
Project: IT Wrap Program

**2002 Award Winner**
Fluor Daniel B.V., Netherlands
Project: ROG AOP-II Project

Information about all Prize Winners and Finalists: [www.ipma.ch/awards/projexcellence/Pages/PEAwardsWinnersandFinalists.aspx](http://www.ipma.ch/awards/projexcellence/Pages/PEAwardsWinnersandFinalists.aspx)
Project Excellence Model

The “Project Excellence” model helps a project team to reflect on its own strengths and potential improvement areas. The model is an adaptable and open concept. It allows many different project approaches to be used and should gain major benefits for future projects.

The Project Excellence model divides the assessment criteria into two sections:

• **Project Management:** What is the project like? How is it managed?
• **Project Results:** What does the project achieve? What comes out of it?

For information about the assessment criteria and scoring points of the Project Excellence Model, see [www.ipma.ch/awards/projexcellence/Pages/ProjectExcellenceModel.aspx](http://www.ipma.ch/awards/projexcellence/Pages/ProjectExcellenceModel.aspx)

“National Project Excellence Awards”

Beyond the annual “IPMA International Project Excellence Award” there are “National Project Excellence Awards” organized by the IPMA Member Associations. The overall communication for “National Project Excellence Awards” is in the native languages and therefore easier for all participants. “National Project Excellence Awards” give the chance to the IPMA Member Associations to develop best practice benchmarks and lists of key success factors at a national level.

“National Project Excellence Awards” are established already in Germany, Austria, China, India, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Iran. Other countries (e.g. Finland, Russia, Ukraine) plan to join them soon.

Information about other IPMA Awards: [www.ipma.ch/awards/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ipma.ch/awards/Pages/default.aspx)

Application Criteria for the “IPMA International Awards”

Minimum Requirements for the IPMA Award Application:

• Applicant project to be completed within the last 18 months before the Award application.
• Project duration – at least 1 year.
• Number of people involved – at least 50.
• Project budget – at least 5 Million Euro.
• Site locations involved – at least 2.
• Internal/external subcontractors – compulsory.
• Multinational characteristic is an advantage.

Costs for Application:
- non-corporate members: 4’950 Euro (plus VAT)
- corporate members of IPMA National Associations - 3’950 Euro (plus VAT).

Costs for Site Visit:
Applicants who receive a site visit from the assessor teams are also required to cover the travel expenses and subsistence costs of each assessor.
Moving winners forward

Award Process

1. Application entry deadline: Applicants submit the project application forms with project requirements and a short description. www.ipma.ch/awards/projectexcellence/Pages/Downloads.aspx

2. Application documents submission: The applicant submits a PDF-file of the project report which comprises in total less than 35 A4-pages (including graphics and other illustrations). The data must be organized according to the criteria and sub-criteria of the “Project Excellence” model. www.ipma.ch/awards/projectexcellence/Pages/Downloads.aspx

3. Assessment of application documents and Award Jury decision for a site visit: Every application is assessed by a team of at least four assessors based on the criteria of the “Project Excellence” model.

4. Site visit: The objective of the site visit is to complete the assessment and to find additional information about the project. The assessors rectify their individual opinion and reach unanimous result. The result will not be announced to the applicant at this moment.

5. Award jury decision on Finalists and communication to applicants: The IPMA Award Jury decides, on the basis of the final assessments, which project teams will be finalists, prize winners and which project team will be given the “IPMA International Project Management Award”. Applicants receive a notice from the IPMA Award Office if their project is nominated.

6. Finalists preparation for the Award Ceremony: All Finalists prepare materials (video, presentations, etc.) that will be presented at the IPMA World Congress.

7. Award Ceremony at the IPMA World Congress: The IPMA Award Finalists, Prize Winners and Award Winners will be announced during the annual Award Ceremony at the IPMA Congress.

8. Project Presentation: The annual Award Finalists and Winners should present their projects at the IPMA Congress.

9. Feedback report to all Finalists: Every applicant receives a feedback report (according to the assessors’ unanimous result and the IPMA Award Jury decision) from the IPMA Award Office after the Award Ceremony at IPMA Congress.

2008 Award Gala in Rome

As Vice President of an important international group, active in industrial plant engineering – for which the Excellent Project Management is one of the key elements to excel in the international markets – I look at the “IPMA International Project Excellence Award” as an important opportunity for benchmarking with other international organizations pursuing the Excellence in Project Management. The route followed by a project of our company, up to the status of Prize Winner, confirmed that the Award is an important, innovative and economic means to avail an organization of an effective benchmarking and stimulus to optimization. Consequently, as Chairman of 22nd IPMA Roma World Congress, I wish that the Award gets the visibility it deserves. The ceremony, within the frame of a typical Italian show, will therefore be a must-attend event, to which we invite all those who are interested in pursuing the excellence. Aware of the importance of such an event, some renowned international groups have already anticipated their participation.

Therefore, I look forward to the professional pleasure of attending the presentations of many outstanding projects competing to reach the status of “excellent among the excellents”.

Luigi Iperti, Chairman of 22nd IPMA Roma World Congress

Information about the 2008 IPMA World Congress: www.ipmaroma2008.it/