

## **Dear IPMA Family Members!**

I am very pleased to share with You the first newsletter of the series, dedicated to passing the information about ExBo's meetings and efforts. We want to share information about our regular activities related to supporting and helping MAs. To provide you with a piece of information regularly - in order to assure the right communication flow.

The IPMA Executive Board (IPMA ExBo), accordingly with IPMA by-laws, is part of the Internal Organization, serving to IPMA Council of Delegates (IPMA CoD) and IPMA Member Associations (IPMA MAs). The Executive Board is responsible for creating and proposing the Biennial Plan to Council and ensuring its' subsequent delivery. ExBo is also responsible for planning, coordinating and managing the activities of the Executive Director as well as taking any other action required to ensure the effective management of IPMA. We are approving master plans of working groups, programs and major projects, and supervising working groups, programs and projects.

ExBo is supported by three Advisory Committees (Governance, Finance and Ethics), reporting to CoD and proposing (as well as voting) strategic decisions within indicated areas. ExBo meets every month, having both - virtual and face-to-face meetings (in an exchangeable manner).

The IPMA grew up substantially during the last years, having now more than 70 MAs, across 6 continents. The IPMA is the largest worldwide federation of National Associations in Project Management, with different size and age, with different cultures and degrees of maturity. IPMA's ExBo is constantly focusing on the local MAs' development and its' specific needs.

For some time now ExBo uses the unique opportunity to take part in the events co-organised by local Member Associations. The ExBo meetings take place before, or after the local events.

This first ExBo meeting in 2019 took place in Milan, Italy (January 24th), during a very successful event that was carried out in cooperation with ANIMP-IPMA, Italy. "The projectification of the economy: how the private and public sectors answer the new challenges" - was the main topic of the event.

The Executive Board meeting was dedicated to ExBo VPS's remits reorganization - with the incoming elected VPs, aligning their activities and objectives to the biennial plan. In Milan, there were also several strategic issues addressed in order to prepare the forthcoming CoD - the event that takes place in Copenhagen, March 2019.

The most important novelties are related to the Communities of Practice and SIGs - Specific Interest Groups, looking for professional development. There was also a debate connected with the Strategy Review 2025, in three major areas:

1. Roles and responsibilities between the IPMA and MAs
2. Branding and Communications
3. Membership, delivery model and governance

Other important issues taken into consideration were:

- Coordination of annual calendar of events,
- 31st World Congress status and forecasts
- Membership plans under KAMM approach
- Biannual plan alignment, by remits

I am looking forward to seeing all IPMA Delegates in March 29th to 31st, in Copenhagen.

***Warmest regards, Jesus Martinez Almela, IPMA President.***



New Executive Board - chosen by the CoD in Rio de Janeiro, September 2018.

