

Communique for CoD March 18th,

Research and innovation resonating with project practice

After three long years, we met in Cavtat, Croatia, for our Council of Delegates (CoD) meeting last September. It was a great meeting, surrounded by events that showed how many valid initiatives and projects are ongoing in IPMA.

This March 2023, according to its regulations, IPMA decided to organise our 1st CoD meeting of the year virtually. Still, we are looking forward to the next onsite CoD meeting that will take place on September 23rd in Seville, Spain.

In between, the yearly research event of IPMA will take place in Nanjing, China (April 22nd and 23rd, 2023).

It will already be the 11th IPMA Research Conference, addressing *Research Resonating with Project Practice*. This event will be an extraordinary meeting of the IPMA research community and an excellent opportunity to understand better the most recent Standard approved by the Council of Delegates last year: the *IPMA REB – IPMA Research Evaluation Baseline*.

Today few can argue that we are in the BANI World – an era of exponential changes. Project management practices face a new set of challenges. Driven by big data and other digital technologies, as well as the post-pandemic period and increasing global economic uncertainty, the project management environment has changed significantly. The transformation of project management organisations and processes faces enormous opportunities and challenges.

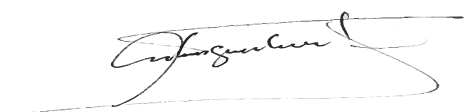
Innovation is the primary force guiding development. We are all facing a new environment, management issues, application scenarios, and methods and tools emerging in project management practice. It provides a rich source for academic and research-oriented experts, as well as practitioners' needs and opportunities to co-create value for the enterprise's management practice.

We in IPMA urgently need to build a more open and inclusive project management innovation ecosystem so that the project management practice community and academic community can better interact and communicate. They can jointly explore the concerned hot spots, pain points and solutions in project management practice.

At the same time, academia also needs to expand the boundaries of project management research to better cope with the challenges faced by project management practice. Conducting academic research oriented to the actual needs and critical issues of project management practice can better promote the development of scholarly research on project management and better empower the management practice of enterprises.

IPMA Chairman, Dr Jesus Martinez-Almela, highlighted that we urgently need to take advantage of these opportunities and challenges to cope with new application scenarios, methods, and tools constantly emerging in project management practice research and innovation. We need to improve the link between theory and practice in project management. The new study, findings, bridges, and best practices may help IPMA Ecosystem as a critical pillar addressing value project network and leadership in the Sustainable Project Society.

We will continue our work worldwide and bravely look into the future in the current BANI World, hopefully in a much more peaceful, accessible, equitable and sustainable way, addressing the present, post-Covid and post-war reality.



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