

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on producing your first Newsletter for the Project Management Association of Canada (PMAC). This is a welcome opportunity not only to bring a Canadian flavour to project management, but also to represent Canadian project management capability on a world stage. I believe that it is particularly important for the Canadian view to be presented by a “made-in-Canada” organization, such as PMAC.

I am hopeful that PMAC will welcome and encourage open discussion. We need new ideas on such broader aspects as project portfolio management, project management offices, leadership, project management competence and realization of benefits, all within our common Canadian cultural values and differences. This way, we can encourage serious dialog across the whole spectrum of project management, and advance the art and science accordingly, without being constrained by hitherto institutionalized ideas.

As Dr. Terry Cooke-Davies observed some years ago in an article - Return of the Project Managers (Management Today, BIM, UK, May 1990):

“Growth, change and projects go together. We face an increasingly turbulent world in which business becomes faster paced more complex and more competitive. In this environment the rewards will go to those organizations that are more flexible, more in tune with their customers’ wants, more focused on their main product or service, and more professional in every aspect of their business”

That fundamental proposition hasn’t changed. Therefore, all that we can do to foster those advances and reap the benefits will not just be to the advantage of PMAC members, but to the public-at-large who are the ultimate recipients of the efforts of the project management community. And, not to put too fine a point on it, this is not just limited to engineering and construction, or information technology. It covers all areas of project management application including government, politics, administration, educational, social (such as health) and financial institutions, as well as all for-profit and non-profit organizations.

I wish you good luck with your endeavours. There have been several previous attempts to establish and grow a truly Canadian organization. Let us hope that now the time is ripe and that this time you will be successful.

Yours sincerely,

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Web Seminar by Canadian, Mark Kozak-Holland, entitled “Project Lessons from the Great Escape (Stalag Luft III)”

While you might think your project plan is perfect, would you bet your life on it? In World War II, a group of 220 captured airmen did just that – they staked the lives of everyone in the camp on the success of a project to secretly build a series of tunnels out of a prison camp their captors thought was escape proof. The prisoners formally structured their work as a project, using the project organization techniques of the day.

Mark has written a number of books drawn from historical events. These books not only cover the history of the event, but allow the reader to understand their impacts to modern context. His most recent book, published in July 2007 is entitled is “Project Lessons from the Great Escape (Stalag Luft III)”.

Using his most recent book, this web seminar will analyze the efforts of World War II airmen using project management methods and the nine knowledge areas of the Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK). Learn from the successes and mistakes of a project where people put their lives on the line.



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