

Project Management in Spain: Monthly report

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The PMI Madrid Spain Chapter has been selected as one of the three finalists for the PMI Chapter of the Year Award

This good news means the PMI recognition to our volunteer job for the PMI Madrid Spain Chapter over the years. It was not an overnight process. It took many years of work and effort from so many volunteers. Congratulations.

How did the PMI Madrid Spain Chapter arrive here?

Everything started on 2003, when José Antonio Puentes as Sponsor and the former President, Javier Sanz, Alfonso Bucero and others as founding members and a reduced group of volunteers created the PMI-MSD with 25 professionals. Many things have happened from then, the Chapter had several presidents (Alfonso Bucero, Julio Carazo, Francisco Javier Rodriguez-Blanco and Claudia Alcelay (current president)), several Board of Directors, several volunteers and sponsors. Microsoft Spain was our first Sponsor, but we have known how to maintain a key ingredient during all those years: we are there to serve our membership. Without any doubt, that approach has provoked that, almost 15 years later, to have the honor to be selected as a potential winner for that Award.

How was the selection process?

After an internal process, where PMI is choosing potential Chapters, on march 2017, PMI invited us to present us as a candidate for the “Chapter of the Year 2016 Award”. It started an intense process of information gathering and elaboration which ended with the submission of our proud proposal.

We exposed quantitative data from all our 2016 activities. It was so clear that our membership scope could be counted on thousands of people. On 2016:

- The PMI Madrid Spain Chapter intensifies the opening of different segments, business types, target public...then, they continue working with professional associations, corporations and determined fields, startups, academic environment, NGOs, Public organizations, scientific research...
- We are articulating specific membership demands, we created work groups, discussion groups, we invited reputed professionals to tell us their experiences, we launched strongly our mentoring initiatives, PM for development, PMIEF, PMI Toastmasters and started to organize different industry events, membership meetings and Congresses.
- Furthermore, we covered a geographical space without precedents, being helped by PMI Branches, managing effectively our social network, appearing in communication media, all of that helped to get growing the belonging feeling from a professional community that is growing more and more.
- Our proud Sponsors continue supporting us and funding most of our activities, what is great for us.
- Volunteers start to be formally recognized, empowering the volunteer developing plan which is becoming stronger and stronger.
- From the Chapter Board of Directors, we are conscious that we need to articulate in an agile way the new members requirements, volunteer proposals, market demands and we acquired, every one of us, the commitment of supporting and fostering all proposed initiatives. Our push, our passion and the capability to be adapted to a new way of understanding the membership service, closer and closer and aligned to their needs, is the key.

When the winner will be announced?

By now, we have been nominated together with other 2 more Chapters as the "Potential Chapter of the Year". Now, we need to wait till October 28th, where at the *Gala Dinner* in Chicago we will know who the winner Chapter is. We will be there to tell you, live, the result.



All Spanish chapters, Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Coruña and all potential ones like Seville are very happy because of the advance of our profession in our country. **TODAY IS A GOOD DAY**, but working all together **TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER!**

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