



## Column – I Challenge You



It has been some time ago that we sent our last newsletter. Apologies for not delivering sooner but despite the second economical dip we all seem to be very busy in the board and had our holidays with family and so on. Although we didn't publish we were busy growing the chapter. We had a very enjoyable and well received Euregio meeting at APG in Heerlen in co-operation with our colleague chapter from Germany-Cologne and Belgium. This event was valued with an average 8.1 and that makes me very happy as I was always that an 8+ is what you should aim at. We also had a very interesting Young Professional event hosted by Arlande. I had the pleasure of chairing this as our Young Professional lead Sandra was on holiday. Most interesting and intimate evening as there were only a few attendees. That makes one wonder what we need to do that will draw the attention of Young Professional project professionals. To my opinion we need to grow the number of Young Professionals as we as PMI have so much to share. How do we make it attractive?

We also had the 12<sup>th</sup> PMI Benelux Day at the Koningshof in Veldhoven. With over 250 members of PMI Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg joining it truly was Beyond Borders underlining this year's theme. It always is a great pleasure to see that all the hard work put in pays off. Bear in mind that behind the curtains and in the background an awful lot of volunteer effort is put into gathering speakers, visiting sponsors, creating a website etc., resulting in excellent content and plenty of networking opportunities.

Meanwhile the chapter is slowly but steady growing with 738 members ultimo September. Still not the target of 750 not to mention our 1000+ dream but growing. My first challenge to you is to help us grow. Soon we will start a member for member or tell a friend and get a gift initiative. There must be

project professionals in your surroundings that haven't heard enough of us yet. We offer great content, events, networking and international roots. Make sure they hear about us and check out the rules of the initiative that we launch soon.

We also had the pleasure of the presence of Beth Parleton the chair op PMI worldwide at the Benelux Day. Truly beyond borders. A few members of the board had a very constructive talk with the "woman in charge" and we were able to express the chapters thoughts and concerns in particular the inability of our volunteer organization to boost our brand and market exposure. We will have a follow-up meeting on this in a few weeks and for sure we will have some actions coming out of this that will help us to "make noise" in 2012. Those initiatives will of course become part of our 2012 plans. As always we would like those with you at the annual meeting in January. You, all members and even non members, can help us here by expressing your thoughts on PMI and the chapter in the Netherlands. What works well for you, what doesn't work, what should we add. In November we will release the annual chapter survey, but don't necessarily wait for that to start the dialogue. We welcome your feedback and initiatives. So as I have learned at the Benelux Day now it is time for me to shut up and listen as communication starts with listening. You and I. Looking forward to your input via e-mail, by phone or via our community or twitter. Hit the buttons below. It is time for "You"! That is my second challenge to you.....



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*Cees Pijls - President of the PMI Netherlands Chapter*



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## PMI Netherlands Chapter Event(s) for the Coming Month

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- October 26<sup>th</sup>, The Soft Side of Program Management (Event in Dutch)
- November 4<sup>th</sup>, short track on Work Breakdown Structures
- November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, regional meeting in Lyon
- November 9<sup>th</sup>, Dynamic Business Case Management (Event in Dutch)
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, Het Nieuwe projectmatige Werken (Event in Dutch)

To register go to: <http://www.pmi-netherlands-chapter.org/index.php/events/event-registration>

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## Hoe Vijzelgracht drama's in de toekomst worden voorkomen

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Van een oplevering in 2011 met een geraamd kostenplaatje van 1,46 miljard naar een huidige opleverdatum in 2017 met ruim een verdubbeling van de kosten (3,1 miljard), lekkende damwanden en 23 cm verzakking aan de Vijzelgracht... Waarom gaat het zo vaak mis bij grote projecten als de Noord-Zuid lijn? Belangrijker nog: Wat kunnen we doen om dit te voorkomen?

Op deze vraag wil ik graag antwoord geven met mijn afstudeeronderzoek. Soft skill leiderschapscompetenties zouden wel eens van groot belang kunnen zijn bij het beslissen van een stuurgroep, met name als de project

complexiteit groot is. Bent u betrokken bij stuurgroepen van grote projecten of kent u iemand die dat is in uw netwerk? Help mij door het online survey in te vullen of de link door te sturen:

[https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_7aL90icY56tjHml](https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_7aL90icY56tjHml)

Bij voorbaat dank voor uw hulp. Inzage in de resultaten van het onderzoek is uiteraard mogelijk. Voor meer informatie: [mcldegroot@gmail.com](mailto:mcldegroot@gmail.com)

Met vriendelijke groet,

Michiel de Groot



## PMI Benelux Day 2011 – Beyond Borders

Wow! What a wonderful day it was. Excellent topic, great speakers, fantastic presentation. I know, I'm getting carried away a little bit, but it was great to be a participant at the event after being a part of the organization for the last two years. I really had a great day at the event in the Koningshof in Veldhoven.

I know how much work it is to come up with a attractive program each year, select the speakers, go through all the presentation, make all the arrangements with venue, take care of the registration (excellently organized this year since the line as gone before I arrived, ☺), getting the sponsors interested in participating and all that to provide the participants an engaging and entertaining day.

Of course there were some things that should go into the lessons learned section. I know that some of the participants have provided their feedback for the organization and I think that's ok. I personally was very laid back and I just enjoyed the whole day. We have to keep in mind that the BeNeLux Day team is organized by a team of volunteers and I think that overall they did an excellent job!

I didn't take part in the partner program, but I did hear great stories about it. The visit to the PSV stadium and the inside stories about the club are also something that many of us would be interested in hearing as well. A compliment for the organization here too.

I enjoyed the lunch a lot. There was a lot of food and plenty of choice. Did you have your strawberry in the chocolate fountain? Wow, that was so tasty!

During the breaks and when going from one session to the other it was also great to interact with many of the participants. It's on purpose that I don't use the word "network", because that has a different meaning and purpose for me. It was great to talk with people, listen to their stories and get more insight into the world of our members.

The sponsors were great in interacting with the participants. They made it possible to have this day organized. Great thanks to them!

I know that there a lot of "great" and "wow" and "excellent" in this article. It's all very sincere. I just had a wonderful day and wanted to share that with you.

Take care and see you soon at one of the other events!

Diepak Kasi  
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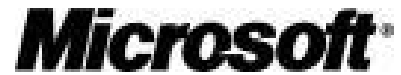
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- View the latest newsletter of our sister association  : <http://www.pmi-netherlands-chapter.org/index.php/news/ipma-news/>
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