

Notes from Project Management Network 13 June 2007 in Lund

Presentation of participants

Christina Sundberg (Capiro Diagnostics) and Ingegerd Dalfelt (Trial Form Support) are experienced project managers and new in our network. Furthermore, Magnus Glad (BioInvent), Bengt Westrin (Tarpoon); Lars Wannerberger (Galenica), Martin Andersson and Stina Gestrelus (MVA) participated.

Evaluation of Project management coaching during Spring 2007

Martin presented the evaluation of the PM Coaching course March-May 2007. The overall mean was 8.3 of max 10, and 9 out of 10 would recommend the course to colleagues or friends, which creates the basis for a new course during the autumn.

New PM Coaching Autumn 2007

A new Project Management Coaching course will be arranged from September to December. The participants of the first course proposed an extension with one day, which is included in the tentative programme. 3 persons are on the waiting list and another 10-12 will be recruited. A *PM Coaching Continuation* will also be offered to those who took the basic course during the spring (presumably in connection with the basic course during October and November).

Questionnaire from Søren Porskrog

Those who participated in the PMN meeting in January 2007 heard Søren explain about his MBA work at Henley Management College, London, entitled *Sources of competitive advantage in project-based organizations*. The link below leads to the questionnaire with 69 questions which take about 10 minutes in all. Søren would want results not only from project managers but also CEOs and portfolio and programme managers (if any). If you respond now, we will get a presentation for "our group" compared to others later on!

Link: <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226KTRVRLFU>

Brain storming topics for PMN meetings

Proposed topics had been received in writing from Active Biotech (Dorthe Thrige and Mats Hansen), who were unable to attend. They proposed to ask all participants:

- 1) Why do you participate in the PMN?
- 2) What do you want from the meetings?

Their own responses were

- A wish to know other PM
- A forum where soft and hard issues around PM can be discussed openly

To reach the point where all know each other, they propose presentations of the participants and their companies/project management organisations, with meetings to alternate between participants' offices.

Topics to discuss once the group know each other:

- The loneliness of PMs and how it is handled (internal or external mentors or for a)
- Transfer from specialist to PM / generalist (how this is handled in the organizations)

At a later stage they also propose separate discussions for subgroups of the PMN (e.g. CROs, small biotech, medtech, pharma etc.), but not as a permanent change of the network.

The present participants looked at the notes from the PMN founding meeting in October 2005 (as found on www.mva.org), and picked out

- addressing international customers, cultural differences, and added
- keeping and transferring *internal* culture in a time of high mobility.

Bengt Westrin proposed contact to Oil in Malmö regarding Sales & Marketing for "Addressing (international) customers"

However, since rather few PMs were present, it was decided to arrange the next **PMN-meeting 3 September 15-17 at Ørestad** (MVA premises), and concentrate on short presentations of PMN participants. Please note the date!

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