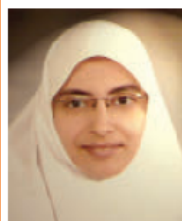




## Three New Columnists to Debut in *PM Network* Magazine

**A**s part of an ongoing effort to provide a diverse range of perspectives and advice on project management, *PM Network*® is debuting three new columnists this year.

**Gary R. Heerkens, CPM, CBM, CIPA, PE, PMP**, will focus on the business side of project management in a column that begins this month. With more than 25 years of project management experience, he is currently president of Management Solutions Group Inc. His latest book is *The Business-Savvy Project Manager* (McGraw-Hill, 2005).



**Rania Al-Maghraby, PMP**, will write about project management trends in the Middle East starting in April. An independent project manager from Egypt, she is certified by the Information Technology Infrastructure Library Foundation and holds a master's degree in computer science. Ms. Al-Maghraby is founder of the itSMF (IT Service Management Forum) Egypt Chapter and currently serves as its president.

A speaker at the PMI 2008 Global Congress—Europe, Middle East and Africa in Malta, Ms. Al-Maghraby also has published a number of papers. In addition to being a member of PMI, she belongs to the Egyptian Organization for Standardization. She is a doctoral student at Alexandria University in Egypt. Her interests include project management, open standards, business administration and academic research.

**Lynda Bourne, DPM, PMP**, will cover project management trends in Asia Pacific starting in the May issue. Based in Australia, Dr. Bourne is the managing director of Stakeholder Management Pty Ltd. in Australia and director of training at Mosaic Project Services Pty Ltd.

Dr. Bourne is a presenter at PMI



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SeminarsWorld®, a member of the Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3®) Examination Committee, and a PMI certified OPM3

ProductSuite® Assessor® and Consultant®. Dr. Bourne was the inaugural winner of the PMI Australian chapters' Project Manager of the Year award and has contributed to a number of PMI

standard development teams.

Dr. Bourne graduated from RMIT University Melbourne as the first professional doctor of project management in 2005.



### A Series of Fortunate Events

#### How a Single Positive Action Opened Many New Doors

New PM Network columnist Rania Al-Maghraby, PMP, came to PMI's attention after she sent in this short article about how a small positive action led to a series of achievements:

One morning while I was checking my e-mail, I found a message from PMI asking me to participate in a survey. Sometimes when e-mails like these are sent, they are ignored, since the receiver is not expecting anything in return. However, to be positive, you value participation in such surveys, and you will view it somehow as a duty, and that's what I did. I simply went through the survey and pressed "Submit." I wasn't expecting anything in return, but just after submission, the series of achievements began!

I didn't use to visit the PMI website frequently, but the survey was designed to redirect to the PMI home page after submission. There on the home page I found "Call for Papers" for the PMI Research Conference. I read it, thought about it, and I made up my mind to share by sending a paper to the conference.

I'm PMP® certified, and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL®) Foundation certified as well. I received these certifications just one month apart, and I remember that during my preparation for these certifications I was able to draw out some conjunction between the concepts relating to the two frameworks.

I thought that I might write a paper on this topic, and I gave it the title, *A Project Management Perspective on ITIL® V3*. I wrote the paper specifically for that conference, and I sent it before the deadline.

While I was gathering information on the topic, however, I searched for as much relevant content as possible, and I came upon the website of the *itSMF*® International. I mainly wanted to get information on the topic of my paper, but at the website I found something else—the list of national chapters for this organization. Egypt wasn't in the list. I contacted *itSMF* officers in the United Kingdom. Soon a project to establish this chapter was under way.

Back to the research conference: The reviewers said that the paper wasn't a research paper, but one of them was positive enough to suggest submitting it to a PMI global congress. Another communication channel was opened with the congress organizers, and at the end, I was able to present the paper at PMI Global Congress 2008—EMEA in Malta.

Yet another opportunity occurred as I was viewing the list of congress speakers in order to try to find someone from the Arabic region or from Egypt to get in touch with in advance. There was, and I got in touch, which also opened some project management job opportunities through this person, as well as adding to my professional network.

The bottom line—I didn't expect this series of achievements to follow each other just by my participating in an online survey. If it weren't for that survey, I wouldn't have known about the conference and submitted a paper for it; I wouldn't have reached the *itSMF* website and taken the initiative to establish the chapter in Egypt; and I wouldn't have gotten in touch with the Egyptian colleagues who were sharing in the conference and who opened new opportunities for me. And I wouldn't have been selected as a *PM Network* columnist.

The message is simple and clear: be positive!

## PMI Fact File

STATISTICS THROUGH 31 January 2009

<b>Total Members</b>	293,416
% increase January 2009/2008	13.2%
<b>New Members</b> January 2009	9,573
<b>Component Memberships</b>	
Chapters	195,144
SIGs	56,072
Colleges	3,524

<b>CAPM Candidates</b> Approved for Exam	7,977
<b>Total Active CAPMs</b>	6,963
<b>New PMPs</b> (January 2009)	4,605
<b>New PMPs</b> (YTD)	4,605
<b>Total Active PMPs</b>	322,250
<b>PMI.org</b>	
January 2009 Visitors	1,310,571
YTD Total	1,310,571

<b>Publishing</b>	
<b>PMBOK® Guide</b> —editions placed in circulation* January 2009	
Third Edition	Fourth Edition
2,936	25,666
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