PMI LEBANON CHAPTER **NEWSLETTER**

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WORD FROM PMI **LEBANON CHAPTER**



I am **proud** to be serving this chapter among very enthusiastic volunteers, well-established chapter members, elite board members & most importantly I am **honored** to be addressing this thriving community for the first time through its first quarterly newsletter for 2024, not as member nor as a volunteer but as a newly elected board member. From this, I would like you to join me in welcoming two new board members Mrs. Mira Thoumy Vice President - Director of Governance and Mr.Toufic Habli Vice President - Director of Marketing, whose forewords will be featured in the following newsletters.

But unfortunately, with this Welcome note comes a Farewell message and from PMILC we would like to extend our **sincere** condolences to the families of the late Mr. Pascal Sleiman who served as Vice President of our Lebanon chapter during the years 2015 and 2016.

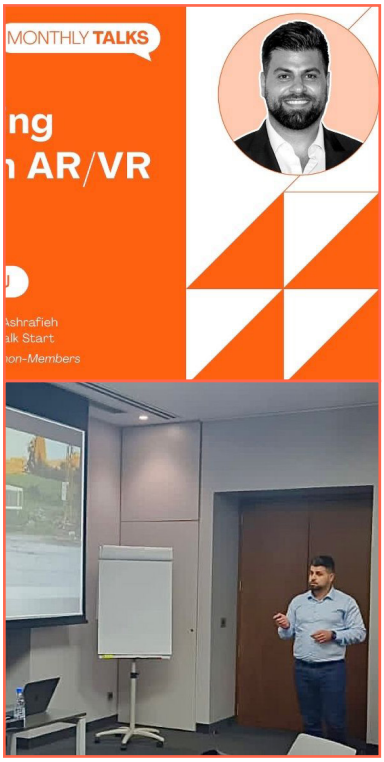
In addition, our PMILC seizes this occasion to thank whole heartedly our past president Mr. Hicham Zeinoun for his invaluable and unlimited **contribution** to this chapter as well as Mrs. Nathalie Bekai for her unwavering and unconditional **support** in her previous role as Vice President / Director of Administration and Mr. Saad Massad as past Vice President /Director of Marketing for his crucial and unlimited **input**. All three still remain active members and volunteers.

My journey with PMILC started in May 2023, the day I received my PMP certification.
When I first read about PMI, its global purpose, its nearby presence & its role as the most recognized authority in the world for project management, it was **love at first sight** & I mean every letter of each word. Having a background in Banking generally & in Commercial Credit Risk specifically, the PMP certificate gave me the opportunity to enter new sectors, to carry out duties that were once impossible for me to do, to break down business obstacles, to deliver tasks before their deadlines all in a more sequenced & agile manner, **enabling me to better serve the people, to empower the process & enrich the business environment.**

It goes without saying that being part of PMI & PMILC is an eye-opening experience that not only provides a sense of belonging but also offers the possibility of being surrounded by professionals in the management of projects & giving access to the most recognized forum for free exchange of ideas via the monthly talks.
I would like to end this foreword by encouraging anyone who has a **passion** for organization, **interest** in different businesses, **curiosity** in how things are done to join our chapter & be part of our **community**.

Stephanie Fouchaux
Vice President, Director of Administration - PMI Lebanon Chapter

MONTHLY **TALKS**



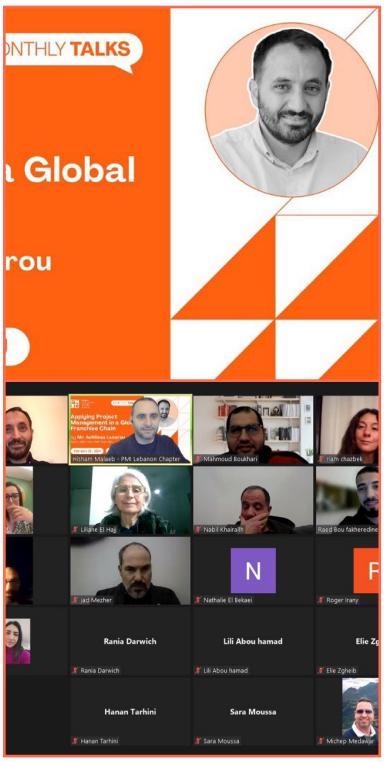
Revolutionizing Training with Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality

by **Mr. Rami Zebian**

DATE: January 25th , 2024 / TIME: 6:00 pm
Location: The Key Apart Hotel

Who else than Mr. Rami Zebian to open our first monthly talk of the year & present a long-awaited session titled “Revolutionizing Training with AR/VR”.

Mr. Rami Zebian presented a detailed explanation regarding augmented reality (AR) being the integration of digital information with the user's environment in real time & clearly differentiated it from virtual reality (VR), which creates a totally artificial environment, AR users experience a real-world environment with generated perceptual information overlaid on top of it. We can safely say that the session was highly interactive, & informative with lots of participation from our members.



Applying Project Management in a Global Franchise Chain

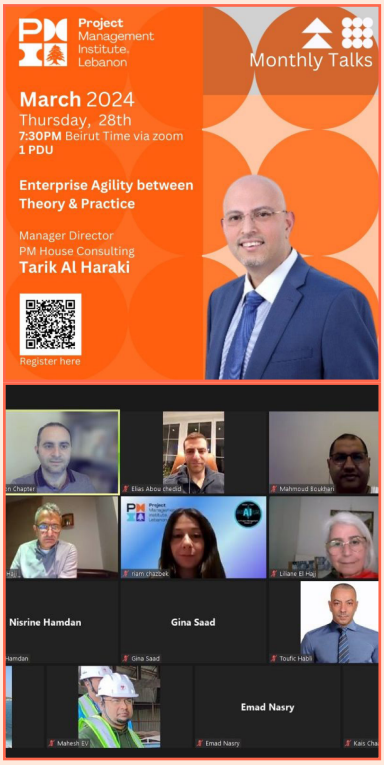
by **Mr. Achilleas Lazarou**

DATE: February 29th, 2024 / TIME:7:00 pm
SESSION: Virtual

We were delighted to listen to Mr. Achilleas Lazarou as our speaker for the month of February 29th 2024 as he presented a session titled “Applying Project Management in a Global Franchise Chain”

Mr. Achilleas Lazarou presented an inspiring session about how Project management can offer many advantages to your franchise, such as improving efficiency & productivity, enhancing quality as well as consistency, boosting communication and collaboration, while increasing flexibility and adaptability. By using project management best practices, one can streamline workflows, optimize resources, while also reducing costs. The session was successful in terms of its delivery, its content which fired up the atmosphere between members.

MONTHLY **TALKS**



Enterprise Agility between Theory & Practice

by **Mr. Tarek El Haraki**

DATE: March 28th, 2024 / TIME: 7:30 pm
SESSION: Virtual

No one does it better than our speaker Mr. Tarek El Haraki in delivering a very deep and razor-sharp session about “Enterprise Agility between theory and practice”. He delved into the timely realization of business value predictably, sustainably along with high quality.

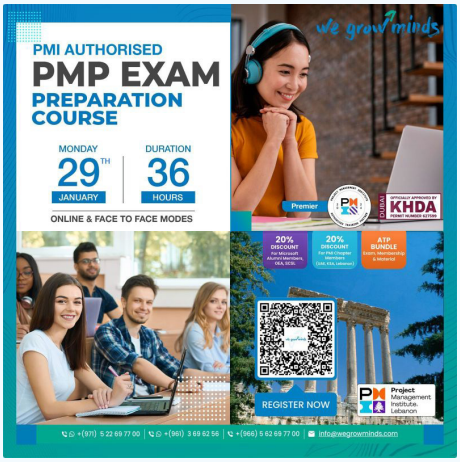
He largely elaborated on the ability of an organization to rapidly adapt to market as well as environmental changes in productive and cost-effective ways. It goes without saying this session was exciting and influencing our members to get into agile practices!

PMILC **NEWS**

We Grow Minds

After a successful collaboration with **We Grow Minds**, the long awaiting launch for the PMP Exam Prep Course has finally arrived on February 12th,2024 allowing participants to benefit from:

- Expert PMI-certified trainers with 20+ years of experience.
- Enjoy “The Bundle”: Comprehensive course materials, discounted exam fees, in addition to valuable PMI membership.
- Accredited quality education (KHDA Approved) including special perks including a free 1-hour training session.



We Grow Minds was founded by **Dr.Mona Carlos Akram Zoughaib** who served as a board member on the PMI Lebanon chapter for 5 consecutive years ending her term in 2019.

Mediterranean: Sea of Culture Initiative

Our chapter proudly participates in the Mediterranean Sea of Culture initiative. This endeavor unites six distinct projects involving chapters across Europe, North Africa, and the United States which are:

1. The Recapture Roots,
2. Project Management in the Region,
3. PMO in the Region,
4. Project Management Certifications & Jobs Status,
5. Events Planning,
6. University and Business Schools.

Through this collaboration, this initiative aims to foster cultural understanding, connections, & projects that transcend geographical boundaries. This initiative lead by **Ms.Hanna Bechara** who is a seasoned NGO management professional, currently serving as the Head of Operations at a Lebanese non-profit dedicated to empowering vulnerable youth through coding & robotics education.



Volunteering Activities under SDG #10 & #12

These ongoing activities are led & organized by our VP of volunteering **Eng. Ziad Ibrahim** which aim to address the various global challenges and promote a more sustainable by ensuring an inclusive future.

The **SDGs** in target included Reduced Inequalities, Responsible consumption & production, Climate action etc. The activities included visits to **Arc En Ciel**, **Couvent de la Croix** & **IPT** with our volunteers who collaborated in collecting more than 207 kg of recyclables, in addition to a good quantity of second-hand clothes.

We encourage all of our members to engage in such activities & join our volunteering WhatsApp group to stay up to date with the organized events.







Iftar 2024

Date: March 22, 2024,

Members came together for a **friendly**, **heartwarming**, full of **laughter** gathering while over an Iftar. Let the pictures show the ambiance & the good mood.



The Power of the Prompt:

GenAI Techniques, Skills, and Strategies for Project Professionals

An interesting read from PMI about how to unlock the potential of prompt engineering for project professionals while sharing skills for effective prompting & strategies to level them up.

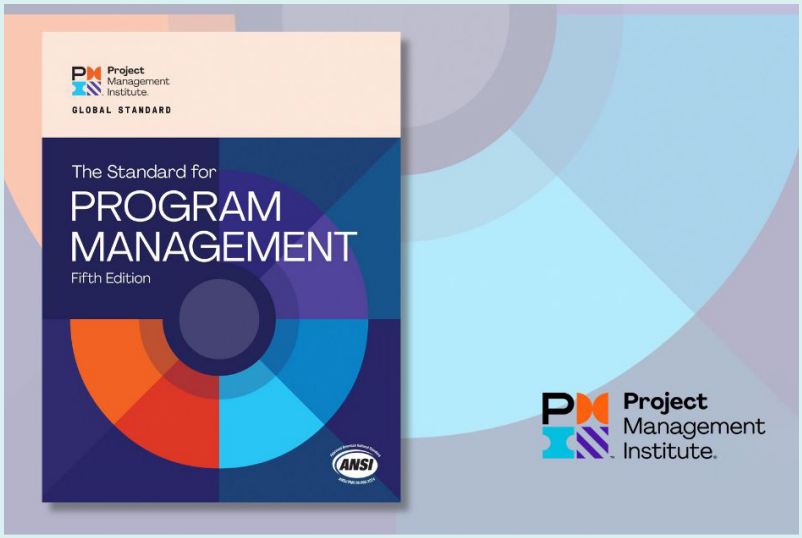


The Standard for program management 5th edition

The Project Management Institute has proudly announced the update of the standard for program management with a 5th edition earlier this year.

It refers to it as the definitive guide for individuals & organizations seeking to enhance their program management practices.

This edition identifies the eight principles that guide behavior within program management, establishing the publication as a principle-led standard.



PMI **EVENTS**

Dubai International Project Management Forum

DATE: January 15th - 18th 2024 / TIME: all day
LOCATION: Madinat Jumeira Dubai

In its 9th edition the **DIPMF** revolved around three primary themes: sustainability, modern methods of project management, future trends & technology. Within these themes, the forum delved into 14 diverse pillars.

The theme **'Beyond Boundaries'** perfectly mirrors the **UAE's** ambition to drive **innovation**, **sustainability**, and **global connectivity**. This edition brought together world leaders, renowned keynote speakers, more than 2,000 project managers in a united effort to take conscious and committed actions that will accelerate economic and environmental prosperity. Our PMILC was represented by no other than our President Ms.**Riam Chazbeck**.





Virtual Internship in collaboration with Injaz El Arab, PMI, PMIEF

Date: January 31st / Time: 11am
Session: online
Three of our incredible members took part in a virtual internship in collaboration with **INJAZ Al-Arab**, teaming up with Project Management Institute PMI's Educational Foundation. In just three hours, they delivered workshops for over 500 students across the entire **MENA** region!
Here's a glimpse of what our amazing presenters covered starting with **Riam Chazbeck**, who shared insights on Construction Industry, Opportunities, & Methodologies (in French). Continuing with **Kevin Gemayel** who dived deep into the world of Construction Industry (in English). Ending with **Stephanie Fouchaux** who explored the intricacies of **Credit Risk in Commercial Lending** (in English). After the internship, students were enrolled to compete by further enhancing their skills for a CAPM course, generously offered by **PMI/PMIEF.**



"Talk Around the Clock" Virtual Charity Congress to support Palestine

Date: 2-3 February 2024 / Time: Around the clock
Session: Virtual Conference

In collaboration with **PMI Sweden** Chapter, the latter hosted the 3rd Talk Around the Clock—a 24-hour Virtual Charity Conference.

This global initiative followed the success of two previous events in 2022 & 2023, where leading project management experts & trainers from around the world spoke pro-bono to support **Médecins Sans Frontières** (Doctors Without Borders) in delivering **life-saving** medical care & supplies to war victims in **Palestine**.

The 3rd Talk Around the Clock aimed to bring together the global project management community for 24 hours of insightful discussions led by experts on the theme of **ethics** in project management.

In addition to fostering **knowledge** exchange, this event provided an opportunity for participants to make a **positive** impact by supporting a **charitable** cause during these times of need.



PMI **EVENTS**

Celebrating International Women's Day

Date: March 8th / Time: 6pm
Session: online.

This historic event & the first of its kind in the MENA region, brought together distinguished ladies from diverse backgrounds to discuss & celebrate the achievements & challenges in the world of project management.

This online discussion featured incredible women from Canada, USA, France, Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, and UAE, sharing their insights on Womanhood, Work-Life Balance, Career Development, Culture, Challenges, and Success Stories hence, we proudly name: Michelle Iseminger, Mariama Zhouri, Sarah Abdallah, Naouel Ben Zina, Dania Chaar, Sara Chetoui, Imen Fakhfekh Anjana Wijegunasinghe, Shoroq A.Sallam , Riam Chazbeck & our volunteer Christelle Daniel.



Passion for Project Congress

Date: March 11th 2024 / Time: 3:30 pm
Session: online

Our Lebanon Chapter had the privilege to participate in the "Passion for Project Congress" in collaboration with PMI Sweden and 26 chapters worldwide. This event served as a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and showcasing the passion for project management on a global scale.

PMI **EVENTS**

PMXPO

Date: March 21st / Time: all day
Session: Virtual

In this virtual event for project professionals, participants had the opportunity to Learn, Connect, Grow & Elevate their skills by engaging with industry experts, gain actionable insights to elevate project success, in addition to hearing about the future of your work. PMXPO 2024 featured a lineup of dynamic speakers, including our PMI President & CEO Pierre LeManh.



Leveraging AI: A blueprint for project managers in Asia

Date: March 28th 2024 / Time: 3:30 pm
Session: online

Having more than 129 countries participating including 2,314 project managers providing their insights on a conducted survey, made it the first global chapter led survey of such size.

PMI Sweden, with extensive collaboration from chapters across 25 countries, embarked on a global endeavor in 2023 to explore the adoption and perception of AI within the project management community.

Focused on the dynamic & diverse region of Asia, this webinar featured Annesha Ahmed (PMI Bangladesh Chapter), Sachin Sood (PMI Bangalore India) Riam Chazbeck (PMI Lebanon Chapter) and Lavanya Vijayaraghavan (Bangalore India Chapter) who unveiled comprehensive insights into the state of AI across various sub-regions, including government initiatives, educational efforts, research undertakings, & private sector endeavors.

This webinar was viewed more than 6,500 times and is rated 4.65.

More details



Case Study Report: Navigating AI in Project Management

In addition to the “Artificial Intelligence and Project Management - A Global Chapter Led Survey”, the team worked on a new report related to “AI in Project Management exploration” - the 'Navigating AI in Project Management - A PMI Chapters Collaboration' case study report.

This comprehensive report delves into real-world applications of AI in project management, showcasing stories and insights from project managers worldwide. It serves as a testament to the transformative power of AI, offering hands-on experiences, challenges, and successes encountered in integrating AI into project management strategies.

As the PMI community continues to forge the path toward digital leadership and innovation, this report aims to inspire and guide PMI members and the project management community at large in harnessing AI's potential for enhancing project outcomes.



More details

COMMUNITY **THOUGHTS**

Eng. Ahmad Bazzi

CURRENT ROLE:
Director / Managing Partner at The Unit s.a.r.l.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:
M.Arch l PMP l AHPP

PMILC MEMBER SINCE:
2023

DOMAIN/INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE:
Project Management l Engineering l Management l Construction l Business Analysis

TESTIMONIAL:
As a professional development volunteer at PMI Lebanon Chapter, I have had the privilege of witnessing significant personal and professional growth through collaboration with the VP of professional development & our chapter community. My responsibilities include orchestrating events, monthly talks and conferences as well as recruiting speakers and providing comprehensive support to chapter members. My involvement with the chapter has not only facilitated skill enhancement but has also provided invaluable opportunities to cultivate a strong professional network. Actively engaging with other professionals within the chapter through networking events, initiatives & Volunteering Activities has further enriched this experience.
As PMP certified professional, I bring a heightened level of expertise and credibility to my role within the chapter. This certification serves as a testament to my commitment to excellence in project management & further enhance my ability to lead & manage projects effectively. I am thrilled to leverage my PMP certification to drive positive change & inspire fellow professionals within the PMILC community.

WELCOMING
NEW MEMBERS

Welcoming new member who joined the chapter in Q1 2024

1. Ahmad Ismail
2. Reem Hamadeh
3. Hany Anan
4. Ahmad Sraj
5. Michel Fadel
6. Patyl Kevorkian
7. Ghiwa Farah
8. Elie Assaf
9. Celine Nehme
10. Rodrigue Abou Dib
11. Nour Safieddine
12. Thomas El Achi
13. Patrick Khairallah
14. Elie Abou Zeid
15. Mary Jarjour
16. Rasha Khodor
17. Toufic Habli
18. Nazareth Nazaretian
19. Tarek Abi Akar
20. Mohamad Omari
21. Jamal Fattouh
22. Jean Louis Baghdady
23. Najib Hajjar
24. Issa El Hajj Omar
25. Hassan Komaiha
26. Nada El Kouzi
27. Jessy El Hachach
28. Aref Ramadan
29. Barbar Araiji
30. Michel Francis
31. Rida El Hajj Ahmad
32. Motasem Mansour
33. Maarouf Mezher
34. Georges Azer
35. Nabil Abou Hanna
36. Charbel Machaalani Jabra
37. Adel Assal

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