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 IN THIS MESSAGE:

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September 2003 PD Seminar Postponed - Volunteers Needed!  
 June 25, 2003 PD Seminar - Another Success  
 PD Days Planned for 2003  
 PDU Opportunities for Seminar Management Team  
 Other PDU Opportunities  
 \*\*\*\* October 15 PMI Chapter Speaker  
 Highly Recommended \*\*\*\*  
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 SEPTEMBER 2003 PD SEMINAR POSTPONED  
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Vern Loewen's personal circumstances have unfortunately prevented him from serving as the Project Manger for the planned September 24, 2003 Professional Development Seminar. The event has been postponed until a new manager and team can be assembled.

A seminar will proceed only if there is a volunteer project manager for the event. None of the PM volunteers on our list were able to step in for this seminar. We would like to reschedule it for an October date. These are the roles on the management team. Volunteers are needed for all. One person may be asked to do two or more jobs:

- Project Manager
- Technical Program
- Binder Co-ordination
- Facilities and Food
- Registration and Collection
- Evaluation Report

Volunteers management team members contact Walter Wawruck  
[wawruck@intouch.bc.ca](mailto:wawruck@intouch.bc.ca)

The planned theme for the September seminar was to have been Project Management Competency, Training, Education and Development. We had at least two confirmed presentations and workshops. There is strong interest in this topic. If, potentially, you can make a presentation or organize an interactive workshop on this theme, please let Walter Wawruck know about your availability for October.

Volunteer presenters and workshop organizers please contact Walter Wawruck  
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SUCCESSFUL PD SEMINAR JUNE 25, 2003  
ANOTHER LARGE TURNOUT

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Forty-four PMPs and PM practitioners attended the sold-out Thirteenth Professional Development Seminar on June 25, 2003.

Project Manager Jim Marshall, PMP organized these presentations and workshops on the theme of The Art and Science of Project Management:

Mastering Your Audience: Becoming a Better Public Speaker  
Bruce Douglas, PMP  
Security and Control Practices in IT Projects:  
Understanding CobiT  
Hugh Alley, PMP  
Managing your Recruitment Project: Making the Right Hire  
Lolo Young, PMP  
Case Study on Risk Management & Governance  
Valerie Whittaker, PMP  
What Makes a Great Project Manager:  
Your "Top Ten" Characteristics  
Stacey Cerniuk, PMP

Alistair Peacock unfortunately had to cancel once again. We still look forward to having him make this presentation when he is back in Canada:

Managing Your Projects More Effectively:  
Using the PRINCE2 Methodology  
Alistair Peacock

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PD DAYS PLANNED  
FOR 2003

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The minimum goal of the Society is to hold three Professional Development Seminars in each calendar year. This allows a Vancouver area PMP to meet the re-certification requirements from this source of PDUs alone.

In 2002 we held five, full-day seminars and would like to do so again in 2003. This year, we have held seminars in January, April, and June.

Every PMP is a candidate presenter, facilitator, or committee member. However, a seminar will proceed only if a volunteer Project Manager for the event steps forward. You have the opportunity to pick the theme and topic, and to pick a convenient date. We aim for the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Here is the line-up for 2003 at the moment:

October - Project Management Competency,  
Training, Education and Development

November 26 - Open - Annual Meeting of the  
Society

The Society is based on the principle that we learn from each other, and each of us has valuable experience to share or facilitation skills to contribute. Volunteers should contact Walter Wawruck [wawruck@intouch.bc.ca](mailto:wawruck@intouch.bc.ca)

Seminar participants can claim seven PDUs for the day. We now have confirmation from PMI on the PDUs that presenters, facilitators, and the PM can claim, in addition to the time they spend as participants.

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PDU OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEMINAR MANAGEMENT TEAM

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As it turns out, a short term volunteer assignment (other than serving as a presenter or workshop organizer) does not entitle one to PDUs. Our earlier publicity announcements have indicated otherwise, and we apologize for that.

The excerpt from the Continuing Certification Requirements Handbook below suggests that a committee member must participate for a minimum of three months. We believe it is fair for the PM of a professional development seminar to claim the one PDU (big deal!) since the time span from initial planning through to closing out the accounts and issuing the evaluation report typically is three months. Each committee member will have to assess her or his own involvement and decide whether it constituted three months of participation.

- Category 5: Service to Professional or Community Organizations
  - . Serve as a committee member for a project management organization.
  - Minimum three months of participation. One PDU per calendar year. (No PDUs are awarded for service less than three months.)
  - Minimum six months of participation. Three PDUs per calendar year.
  - Twelve months of participation. Five PDUs per calendar year.

An important benefit of the program of professional development seminars which we have been able to put on through the Society has been the opportunity for PMPs to acquire PDUs for their attendance at the event, at a very reasonable cost, and we are able to do this because it is a volunteer endeavour.

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OTHER PDU OPPORTUNITIES

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PMI West Coast BC Chapter dinner meetings. One PDU. Speaker and coffee only \$10. Dinner plus speaker \$40 PMI Member/\$45 non-member. Reserve at <http://www.pmi.bc.ca/>

September 17, 2003 Dinner Meeting  
Mega Project Challenges and Lessons Learned  
Rowena Liang CEO Inventure Solutions

October 15, 2003 Dinner Meeting  
\*\*\*\*\* HIGHLY RECOMMENDED \*\*\*\*\*  
Selling PM to Executives  
Janice Thomas - Athabasca University, Head of  
MBA in Project Management Program

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY - WEBSITE ADDRESS

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The Society of PM Professionals is a voluntary, democratic organization of PMP@s in the Greater Vancouver area, who are dedicated to the achievement of their common purposes in the profession through mutual support, co-operation, and collective effort.

There are approximately 250 PMP@s in the Vancouver area

who receive notices of Society events.

The Society holds at least three Professional Development Seminars in Vancouver each year.

The Professional Development Seminars feature technical presentations and workshop facilitation by PMP®s for the purpose of continuing professional development. The seminar is intended for PMP®s. However, a PMP® may invite guests who are committed to the advancement of the Profession. Practitioners who plan to become certified as PMP®s are welcome in particular.

For more information on the Society:  
<http://www.vcn.bc.ca/pmprof/>

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NEWSLETTERS POSTED TO WEBSITE

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All newsletters and bulletins issued by the Society since its inception are now available for viewing or download at the website. The contents of each newsletter are listed at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/pmprof/Notices.html>

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CONTACT THE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

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At the November 27, 2002 Annual Meeting, the officers of the Society were re-elected for another term.

- President: Walter Wawruck, PMP  
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If you have not yet filled in a membership application, contact Dale Hawley, PMP, download one from the website, or complete a form at the next seminar.

Regards,

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