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COMMENTARY

Collaboration between PMRP and IPMA

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Research is a fundamental building block of every profession, and project management is no exception. The International Project Management Association (IPMA) was established by academics, research has always been acknowledged by IPMA and the association has supported research in different ways. We see it as our duty to share knowledge in project management, cooperate and facilitate cooperation between project management researchers and motivate project management researchers...and, by investigating specific areas, and thereby influencing the discipline. To achieve this we collaborate with other organisations that share our interest and I am glad to declare that IPMA will be collaborating with the journal *Project Management Research and Practice*.

An example of the traditional research related activities of IPMA are the annual research conferences. They are not like typical conferences where most of the research happens beforehand and the participants are primarily listeners. Instead, we prepare the structure and work methods thoroughly and then invite selected presenters to come and inspire the participants with their lectures on chosen topics. The participants are thus a mixture of practitioners and scholars and the value lies primarily in what happens during the conference, during the fruitful discussions, workshops, world café sessions and networking that results when people with different backgrounds and perspectives meet to discuss important subjects. The 5th IPMA research conference will be held in South Korea, November 2-3, 2017.

Another example of traditional research related activities of IPMA are the annual research awards where we have three categories. The *IPMA Young Researcher Award* is given for cutting edge research of a young researcher, typically a PhD project. The *IPMA Research Award* is given for cutting edge research project of a researcher or a team. Finally, we have the life time achievement awards where we honour individual project management researchers for their contribution over their career.

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There are many possibilities for collaboration between IPMA and PMRP. Readers should expect to immediately see reports (to be delivered annually) from the past IPMA Research Conferences and commentary from last year's research award winners. It is our goal to publish relevant and interesting information about some of the best senior and young project management researchers in the world and interpret their findings to empower project management practitioners around the world.

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