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Max Kizziar	Hitachi Consulting	Global Engagement	Effective Management of Offshore Resources Working on Information Technology Projects	With a background of globalization in the professional services industry, technological advances enabling greater participation of global resources, and client/market demand, several challenges arise. Among these challenges are differences between managing onshore and offshore resources and inherent risk factors in managing remote resources. This session will discuss the importance of maintaining project management discipline while using offshore resources and provide tools, metrics, and processes that will increase the odds of success.
David Pells, PM Fellow	PMForum, Inc.	Global Engagement	The World of Project Management – How a Global Perspective Can Help Your Career	A global perspective on the world of professional project management requires much more than a geographic perspective. Some knowledge of the global project management industry, profession and supplier marketplace is also needed. This presentation will offer an introduction and overview of the world of professional project management along with trends and developments around the (geographic) world that can be useful for today's project managers and project team members. Attendees will receive a new and broader understanding of the supply and demand for modern PM people, products, services and technologies.
Dwaraka Iyengar, PMP	Innodata Isogen	Global Engagement	Presenting Jade Follows Shopping	In this presentation, the audience will be taken through the logistics of setting up an offshore operation, nuances of differing cultures that a project manager will encounter, building effective teams and tools for establishing productive communication lines within the team.



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Adrienne Bransky, PMP & Maria Cramer	Hitachi Consulting	Leadership Skills	Transformation Management	In order to accomplish the strategic objectives of many projects, project managers must influence stakeholders and end users so they are willing and able to use the new systems and/or processes. This requires attention to the transition process. Project managers cannot handle transition management alone, and typically works with departments such as human resources, organizational management, or training/development to roll out new functionality. With all the demands on the project team, the project manager must work with these groups to influence stakeholders and move them through the transition process. The presentation will include a six step process on how to build relationships with other managers identified to oversee the transition management process.
David J. Lanners, MBA, CFPIM, CIRM, CQA, CQE, CQMgr, CVS, PMP	LCS International Inc.	Leadership Skills	Guidelines for Ethical Influence	This presentation provides valuable insights for all professionals with program management or leadership responsibilities by taking a light-hearted look at the subjects of executive leadership, stakeholder influence, and project management. Those of us who must get projects completed on time to support our organizations will find this presentation most helpful because it highlights important principles in interesting and memorable ways. Tools and techniques developed by masters of influence will be seen in a new light as emphasis is shifting to process driven issues.
Dwight Davis, MBA, CPT, PMP	PMI Dallas Chapter	Leadership Skills	Parallel Thinking for Best Solutions	
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Gwynne N. Dawdy	Peak Strategies	Leadership Skills	Project Meeting Management	Research continues to note that most meetings can be reduced by 33% if meeting atrocities and mishaps are immediately managed or even prevented. This session will discuss the most common people-problems that interrupt meetings, and ways to handle them. It also emphasizes elements that are important for effective meetings. For a quick effective meeting management overview and a few immediately-useful tips, this highly interactive session is right for you.
Bill Gasikowski, PMP	Nortel	PM Tools	Your NEXT PROJECT: Maintaining your PDUs	So, you have become a PMP! Congratulations! Now your next challenge is to accumulate 60 PDUs (Professional Development Units) over the next 3 years! Ensure success by utilizing your Project Management skills and treating it as a PROJECT!
Paul Burek, CEO	Solutions Cube Group	PM Tools	Managing the Project Scope Statement in 2 Days	Tools & Techniques to Eliminate Scope Creep on All of Your Projects - will teach participants collaborative techniques for developing a Project Scope Statement, defining the boundaries for what is in and out of scope for their project. They will learn how to develop a scope statement that will be the framework for making project decisions and enable the project team to clearly understand when work should be included or excluded from the project.
Sam Mlambo, PMP, CTM	Citi - Commercial Business Group	PM Tools	Project Success: Using Tools to Drive Consistency and Repeatability	Project governance whose base is methodology, standards, procedures and independent oversight can be surrounded with integrated tools which can provide an organization with a mechanism to evaluate the defined "success" on projects. Reporting, data analysis, etc. are applied for further understanding as well to provide feedback used in process improvement. This feedback may also be used to refine/redefine "success". This presentation is designed to share experiences on how to use tools to drive consistency and repeatability on projects therefore achieving "success". Attendees will be able to take away a high-level but simple approach to integrating and using tools to drive important objectives for the organization.



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Susan Lee, PMP	PMI Dallas Chapter	PM Tools	Failure Mode & Effect Analysis	The Failure Mode and Effect Analysis (FMEA) is a versatile, customizable tool that should be in every project manager's toolkit. The FMEA is useful in many situations where there is a need to systematically catalog, rank and prioritize risks. An FMEA can take you all the way through the risk management process, while providing team-building opportunities along the way.
Chuck Preecs, P.E., PMP	Hitachi Consulting	Trends and Challenges	Application of Decision Theory to PM	Project management requires decision making in many key areas such as scope management, risk management, resource management and procurement management. Without a proper understanding of the problems that can occur during decision making, poor results will occur. This presentation will describe the challenges that inhibit good decision making and provide information on various methods to aid better decision making with the goal of providing tangible information that can be used by the listener for their next decision.
Abby Herriman, PMP	Praxis Learning Network	Trends and Challenges	Career Paths and the Culture of Project Management	Being a project manager in many organizations means being stuck in the middle somewhere between a technical position and functional management. In some cases you get the title without a well-defined job description or any guidance about leading a project. And forget about competency models - in many organizations they are just a fantasy. So what does a true project management career path look like? And how can you define one that works in your organization – even when your organization may not admit that they have positions called “project manager”?
Gary Rechtfertig, PMP	Doulos PM Training	Trends and Challenges	Risk Management - Deal with Problems Before or After they Occur	Risk management is one of the least used processes in Project Management today. Yet people who use it effectively can eliminate up to 90% of key problems incurred during a project. How is this possible and What can you do to Identify RISKS, qualify them, quantify them and come up with a response to effectively mitigate / eliminate risks. This presentation will take you through the processes necessary to use Risk Management effectively, identify key challenges in using Risk Management and how you can have more successful projects as a result.



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Jack P Ferraro, PMP	MyProjectAdvisor	Trends and Challenges	Project Manager as Generalist: Project Manager as Obsolete!	A generalist is someone who has broad general knowledge and skills in several areas. A project management generalist is a practitioner who is able to do all the general tasks in the area of project management. Project professionals who desire to do more than just survive their careers develop skill sets that are broad, deep and applicable to all projects. These skills traditionally include soft skills, technical skills and skills associated with subject matter expertise. The industry is poised for dramatic changes to how it views project practitioners. Increased standardization of project processes, globalization of project management, enhanced technologies, information overload and project complexity will drive increased specialization of project management functions. Learn how this impacts you and what you can do about it in this presentation.
Mike Ratliff	Valtech	Trends and Challenges	Enabling Executable Requirements: Lessons in the Adoption of Fitness	Merging Requirements Specification and Requirements Verification with Strategies for using Fitness
Rick Smith, PMP, Certified SCRUM Master	Valtech	Trends and Challenges	Managing Agile Projects with Scrum	
Tony Johnson, MBA, PMP	Crosswind Project Management Inc.	Trends and Challenges	WBS Standards	The WBS (Work Breakdown Structure) is the very heart of a project's deliverable list - you've heard it said "if it's not in the WBS, it's not in the project." Learn how to build an effective WBS in order to define performance objectives across the project life cycle, reduce issues and problems related to flawed WBS development, and increases the likelihood of successful project completion.



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Tony Johnson, MBA, PMP	Crosswind Project Management Inc.	Trends and Challenges	Attacking the Iceberg - Program Management Meets Agile	Today's program managers struggle with how to allocate scarce resources among numerous fronts: support of existing technology, creation of new products, implementation projects, you name it, they're faced with it. Learn how to use agile technologies to more effectively use the available resources, allowing your project teams to become flexible and adaptive by focusing on incremental progress, and providing them with a greater probability of predictable results.
Tresia Eaves, MHR, PMP	Sentel Corp.	Trends and Challenges	PM Improvement: Success - Guaranteed!	In this presentation, the speaker walks the audience through her real-life struggles with a software development project within the IRS where her customers didn't trust her, her users didn't really want any provider to succeed and her own team was beginning to question their job security. She used project management, new agile programming methods combined with proven lifecycle methods and good, old fashioned ingenuity to turn the whole thing around confirmed by SENTEL's win of another 5-year contract with the IRS in mid-2006. Live the real challenges of IT project managers in today's workforce and walk away a better project manager.