

PMI-CPM Collaboration Extends to Europe

PMI-CPM members **Walt Lipke** and **Kym Henderson** continued to support the Earned Value Analysis (EVA-12) Conference held in London, England, organised by the EVA Special Interest Group of the British Association for Project Management (APM), where they jointly facilitated an Earned Schedule Master-class. Conference Organiser **Steve Wake** advised that EVA-12 was, “certainly the best Conference in recent memory.”

Walt and Kym were invited to co-present at a PMI Belgium Chapter meeting held on 12 June 2007. The meeting was sponsored by Microsoft and was held in Brussels. The topic, “Earned Schedule, Something New for EVM and Schedule Analysis” attracted a full house with attendance at about 150 people. PMI Belgium Chapter’s membership is around 750. Walt Lipke introduced the concept of Earned Schedule and described the motivations that made development of the method necessary. Kym Henderson demonstrated Earned Schedule’s predictive power by means of some analysis results obtained using real project data.

Walt Lipke also introduced **Diego Navarro** (who had travelled from Spain) to the audience. Diego has developed an Earned Schedule macro for Microsoft Project 2003 and above that calculates the Earned Schedule metrics from Microsoft Project and extracts the data into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. This macro, which is expected to promote the uptake of the Earned Schedule method by project management practitioners, has been placed into the public domain on Diego’s Earned Schedule blog. The URL to the English version is: <http://direccion-proyectos.blogspot.com/2007/04/perform->

[ing-earned-schedule-analysis.html](http://www.armell.com/excel/earned_schedule_en.zip) with the English version of the macro available at: www.armell.com/excel/earned_schedule_en.zip. Diego’s e-mail address for feedback is: dnavarro@armell.com.

Professor **Mario Vanhoucke**, of the University of Ghent, Belgium, and **Stephan Vandevoorde** presented a summary of the published research conducted by the University of Ghent on schedule prediction techniques using Earned Value Management data.

To conclude an evening heavily devoted to quantitative project performance techniques, PMI Belgium Chapter president, **Chris Kindermans** presented a cheque to Professor Vanhoucke for 5000 € to continue the academic research at the University of Ghent into project schedule predictive techniques using Earned Schedule and cost prediction using Earned Value Management.

The latest information on the Earned Schedule method is available from the website commissioned by Walt Lipke in February 2006 at www.earnedschedule.com.



CHECK FOR 5,000 € PRESENTED TO DR. VANHOUCHE FOR EVM AND ES RESEARCH:
(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) DIEGO NAVARRO, KYM HENDERSON, STEPHAN VANDEVOORDE, PROFESSOR MARIO VANHOUCHE (HOLDING THE CHEQUE FOR 5,000 €), WALT LIPKE, AND CHRIS KINDEMANS.