

EVM Europe Initiative Maintains Momentum

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The EVM Europe initiative continues to progress with a successful third EVM Europe 2012 Conference held at “the Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingeniería de Edificación, part of the Universitat Politècnica de València” (the School of Building Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain) on 23–24 November 2011. València is a historic Spanish city located on the Mediterranean coast first founded as a Roman colony in 138 BC. The historic center is a large 169 acres in size and the city is also known for many monuments including the landmark City of Arts and Sciences, an avant-garde and futuristic museum complex.

The welcome address was from Mr. Rafael Sánchez, Director of the School of Building Engineering, Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain.

The keynote presentation was by Mr. Jim Malkin, the Director of the Program Management Office at General Dynamics European Land Systems (GD ELS) and by David Robles who is currently PMO Manager of the SV Programme at GD ELS.

This presentation, identified by the EVM Europe initiative, has publicised another large scale European EVM implementation which covers 14 sites in 6 countries. The challenges and complexities of an international organisational EVM implementation which includes multiple languages and requirements to conform to multiple EVM standards including the US ANSI EAI 748B and Australian AS 4817 standards was also discussed in this informative presentation. It was noted that all managers responsible for EVM are Europeans.

The Conference continued the unique focus for EVM Conferences on research with a short presentation by Prof. Dr. Mario Vanhoucke from Ghent University, Belgium on the recently awarded €1 million (plus) project controls/EVM research project which is planned to execute over a 6 year period. Masters students from Ghent University presented their EVM related research findings as has occurred at previous European Conferences. A strategy to consider for re-



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Keynote speakers Messrs. Jim Malkin and David Roble presenting on the General Dynamic European Land System multinational EVM implementation.



Day One Speaker, Mr. Kjetil Strand from Norway. Kjeitel has presented at all three EVM Europe Conferences on a larger scale Norwegian public sector pension fund IT software development project which utilises the Agile methodology and EVM. His presentation on “Using EVM to compute expected Project Scope” is a notable example of the unusual but successful adaptations of EVM which occur in Europe.



Mr. Walt Lipke receiving his speakers gift from Conference Chair, Mr. Diego Navarro, CEO of FINERGETIC. The gift was a "Socarrat" a local handmade scorched tile, a tradition which has medieval origins.

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Another presentation which attracted considerable interest and discussion was the presentation on the now completed PMI EVM Practice Standard 2nd edition update project presentation by Project Chair J. Greg Smith. The level of delegate interest which continues to be well in excess of what has occurred at USA Conferences was notable.

Mr. Walt Lipke's presentation on "Why Should CPI = 1" also generated considerable interest and proved unexpectedly controversial with much animated discussion taking place.

Planning for the EVM Europe 2012 Conference, which will be held at the Conference Hotel Drienerburcht on the University of Twente campus in the Netherlands on 28–29 November 2012, is underway. These dates avoid the USA Thanksgiving Holiday. Details will be provided on the Conference website.



Members of the PMI EVM Global Practice Standard core team: Messrs. Alexandre Rodrigues (Portugal), J. Greg Smith, Project Chair (USA) and Mr. Kym Henderson (Australia) with the published Practice Standard proudly on display.



EVM Europe Association organising committee members, Messrs Diego Navarro (Spain), Kym Henderson (Australia), Stephan Vandevoorde (Belgium), Prof. Dr. Mario Vanhoucke (Belgium) and John Ferguson (Scotland).