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**PMI Turkey Chapter** [pmi.org.tr](http://pmi.org.tr)

## Annual Summit Focuses on People

"Everything on a project starts with people. And a project progresses as a result of human interaction."  
(Paul C. Dinsmore, *Human Factors in Project Management*)

20 sponsors, 34 speakers, 620 attendees...

Although the numbers imply the large scale of the Project Management Summit held in Ankara by the PMI Turkey Chapter, the impact was even bigger.

The PMI Turkey Chapter organizes two project management summits every year, one in Ankara and one in Istanbul. This year, the summit taking place in Ankara emphasized the human factor in project management. The event brought together project management practitioners to discuss and share experiences on human-focused topics such as talent management, teamwork, motivation, communication, stakeholder management, coaching, leadership, delegation and human resources management.

Inspiring attendees were several international speakers, including PMI Immediate Past Chair Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, MBA, PMP; Deena Gordon Parla, PMP, a past member of the PMI Board of Directors; PMI Metrolina Chapter President Jennifer Baker, PMP, PgMP, PfMP; and international coaches and speakers Kevin Ciccotti and Dave Harbath. Other speakers included top executives such as Microsoft Turkey's Deputy General Manager Levent Erkan;

CEO of CCN Investment Holding Murad Bayar; CEO of Selex Turkey Sinan Senol; CEO of Meteksan Defence Co. Tunc Batum; and Business Development and Project Management Director of Turksat Co. Omer Faruk Colluoglu.

Some highlights of what made this summit different and invaluable were:

- The summit was able to cover many sectors from IT to construction, aerospace and defense to energy.
- For the first time, the PMI Turkey Chapter collaborated with different nongovernmental organizations for this summit. SASAD (Defense and Aerospace Industry Manufacturers



PMI's Immediate Past Chair Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez, MBA, PMP, inspired the attendees as the opening keynote speaker.

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Association) informed and recommended the summit to all of its member companies; PERYON (People Management Association of Turkey) not only informed and recommended the summit to all of its 4,000 members, but also organized a panel with human resources directors of four different international companies. Esra Ayken, the president of this association, also presented on how to delegate.

- The chapter collaborated with university student clubs for the first time.
- Chapter volunteers took videos that were presented throughout the summit.
- 34 volunteers actively worked for this summit—a huge project!

Workshops, parallel sessions and networking at meals were other highlights from the summit. The key for this great event was, of course, the volunteers and

their passion. Thanks to all. We are ready for our second annual summit in Istanbul. Save the date for another great experience: 15–16 September 2017.



Over 30 volunteers and 32 speakers celebrate the summit.

**PMI Upstate New York Chapter** [pmiuny.org](http://pmiuny.org)

## Celebrating 40 Years and 11 Professional Development Days

The PMI Upstate New York Chapter is the seventh oldest chapter of PMI. It used its annual

Membership Appreciation meeting in April 2017 to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The keynote speaker, Kathy Sheehan, Mayor of Albany, New York, USA, highlighted the



Mayor of Albany  
Kathy Sheehan.

importance and benefits of project management in the city's initiatives.

Chapter President Carol Fitzgerald, PMP, presented the annual "State of the Chapter" report highlighting the chapter's many initiatives during the 2016–2017 program year. She concluded by recognizing and thanking the dedicated volunteers who made these initiatives possible:

- Seven monthly chapter meetings
- Two innovative events
- Annual volunteer recognition event

- Two Project Management Professional (PMP)<sup>®</sup> certification exam prep classes (10-week classes)
- Annual professional development day
- Annual career enrichment event
- Chapter newsletter
- Updated website

### Professional Development Day

Jeff Tobe, M.Ed., CSP, discussed "Creating a New Customer Service Experience" at the chapter's 11th annual

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