

IIL pays tribute to project managers with International Project Management Day Events

2nd Annual IPM Day to be celebrated with planned gala and global eConference

October 31, 2006, New York - - For the second consecutive year, global project management training company International Institute for Learning, Inc. (IIL) will host the annual International Project Management Day (IPM Day) on Thursday, Nov. 2, a day of recognition of project managers and the important contributions they make in business, government, community and not-for-profit environments.

This year's IPM Day will feature a Global eConference highlighting the value and contributions of project managers around the world. The three and a half hour program will provide thousands of participants not only the chance to hear case studies by some of the world's top project managers, but will provide them an opportunity to speak directly to the ideas they have heard and pose questions to the presenters: Dr. Harold Kerzner, professor of systems management at Baldwin-Wallace College and the author of best-selling project management textbooks; Greg Balestrero, CEO of the Project Management Institute (PMI) ®; Dirk Ramhorst, Program Manager & Director of Professional Services, Siemens Business Services; Karin Dreger, VP Process Excellence & Global PMO, SAP; and Ron Kempf, Director of Project Management Competency for HP Services, Hewlett-Packard. Frank P. Saladis, PMP, who initiated the concept of International Project Management Day, will be the moderator of the program. (For additional information please log onto <http://www.iil.com/ipmday2006/>).

In addition, IIL will be presenting a formal nighttime event entitled "Reaching the Summit: Achieving Greatness in Project Management," a project management awards ceremony reception and banquet, at Cipriani 23rd Street in New York City. Adventurer Peter Hillary, recognized for climbing Mt. Everest and reaching the South Pole overland, will be the keynote speaker. During his keynote, entitled "Climb Your Own Everest," he will passionately connect his dramatic achievements to the challenges faced by project managers and teams striving for excellence in their individual fields.

Dr. Kerzner will be honored in this year's event with the presentation of the first annual "Kerzner International Project Manager of the Year Award" to a project manager who has exemplified superior performance and outstanding project management methods, skills and techniques. This prestigious award will be co-presented by Dr. Kerzner and IIL President and CEO E. LaVerne Johnson to the winner, chosen from the six finalists who are being flown to New York. The winner will be officially presented with the award, a \$5,000 voucher for any courses in IIL's training curriculum and a cash donation of \$3,000 to the winner's PMI chapter (if applicable).

"IPM Day was a great success last year, and we are delighted to make it even bigger and better this year. The entire day is planned with both global and local events," Johnson said. "Most of all, we want to recognize, appreciate and celebrate project managers on this special day as well as on all other days of the year. One way we are doing this is by initiating and presenting the first annual Kerzner International Project Manager of the Year Award, and we are very excited both about honoring Dr. Kerzner and bestowing this award upon one very special project manager."

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Many events around the globe are already in the implementation stage to celebrate the project management profession and recognize the contributions of project managers. For example, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg will again officially proclaim November 2 as International Project Management Day throughout the City of New York. Other events are taking place in Australia, the UK and many more locations.

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