

**ISO 21500 Project Management:
The Journey Towards a New Standard – May 2008 Update**

On April 21, 2008 the second Plenary session started just outside of Washington D.C. The meeting room was full, with over 60 representatives from 17 countries, an increase of 25% from 5 months earlier.

Since the first meeting in London at the end of October, the 3 working groups had provided the contents for the first draft of the new standard. The TC236 Project Committee Secretary had compiled the inputs, and created the first draft of the standard for the members of the working committees to review. As a reminder, the 3 working groups are:

- **Working Group 1 – Terminology** (WG1) is chaired by Becky Wilson, from ANSI and past chair of the PMI Board of Directors and Robert Hierholtz from France as Secretary (Robert is a PMI Volunteer Leader).
- **Working Group 2 – Processes** (WG2) chaired by Reinhard Wagner from Germany and active in IPMA with Walter Bowman, PMI Fellow, from ANSI as Secretary.
- **Working Group 3 – Informative Guidance** (WG3) is chaired by Reg Sutcliffe from BSI and Nigel Blampied from ANSI as secretary.

The members of the Canadian Advisory Committee (CAC) had representatives for all three working committees. For the meeting in Washington, Darya Duma attended the Working Group 2 session and Peter Monkhouse attended the Opening and Closing sessions as well as the Working Group 3 session.

In the working group sessions, the comments were reviewed by the attendees and addressed towards completing the second working draft which is due to the working groups in August. At this time, it is premature to discuss the contents of the standard, but we can share that at a high level, it will be similar to Chapter 3 of the PMBoK Guide®.

The current schedule for the standard development calls for the Committee Draft of the standard to be available to the TC236 country mirror committees (CAC in Canada), in early 2009. The final standard is planned to be available in 2011.

The ISO standards development process is an open and inclusive one that solicits inputs and feedback from all stakeholders. If you would like more information on the project or wish to discuss it further, please do not hesitate to contact Peter at peter.monkhouse@soc.pmi.on.ca or Michael at mkamel@deloitte.ca.



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