Promoting ways in which youth learn project management is one of the things we enjoy doing most at PMIEF.

This month’s issue features an example of how secondary school students in Greece learned project management through a competition with the support and coaching of local PMI chapter co-founders; Theofanis Giotis, PMP, PMI-ACP (former President) and George Diakonikolaou, PMP, PhD, (former Vice President).

On another note, PMIEF scholarship deadlines are fast approaching. Don’t miss your opportunity to apply!

Sincerely,
Your Friends at PMIEF

PMI Volunteers Help Greek Youth Excel in Global Competition

In 2014, the co-founders of the PMI-Greece Chapter coached two teams of secondary school youth who took part in the
Formula 1 (F1) in Schools Technology Competition.

This competition is a global multi-disciplinary challenge in which teams of youth ages 11 to 18 organize CAD/CAM software to collaborate, design, analyze, manufacture, test, and then race miniature compressed air powered balsa wood F1 cars. F1 in Schools encourages the use of project management for the successful implementation of the project. This challenge also inspires students to use technology to learn a variety of skills and apply them in an imaginative, competitive and exciting way.

The X-Gile Racing team coached by Dr. George Diakonikolaou, PMP, PhD, (former PMI Greece Chapter VP) and Sapphire Racing team did exceptionally well in the competition, but there could only be one winner. The Sapphire Racing group consisted of 11th grade students from the Italian School of Athens. They were coached by Theofanis Giotis, PMP, PMI-ACP, PMI-Greece Chapter Co-Founder and President 2004-2014. With Theofanis' support the students ranked first in the competition.

The Sapphire Racing team also represented Greece in the world finals in Abu Dhabi, UAE, in November 2014. The members of this team have been classmates for a number of years, so they were used to working together. Each member brought their individual specialty to the table. What they lacked in experience they made up for in hard work, talent and dedication.
Congratulations to members of the Sapphire and X-Gile Racing Teams for a job well done! And, thank you to the volunteers who helped to make it happen.

**PMIEF Scholarship Deadlines are Approaching. Apply Now!**

**Academic Scholarships - Apply by 1 May:** Dozens of academic scholarships are available on the PMIEF website. Visit [here](#) to learn more!

**Scholarship for Secondary School Students to Attend University - Apply by 1 May:** University of Management and Technology, PMIEF is sponsoring eight scholarships for a full, 60-credit, online associate degree program for U.S. public high school seniors or those who have graduated from U.S. public secondary schools within the past two years. This scholarship is for students who are interested in Business Administration, Associate of Science in Computer Science, Associate of Science in Engineering Management, and Associate of Science in Information Technology. [Apply by 1 May!](#)

**THE Kerzner Award - Apply by 15 May:** Each year, PMIEF administers the prestigious Kerzner Award, sponsored by International Institute for Learning, Inc. This award is given to a project manager who most emulates the professional dedication and excellence of Harold Kerzner, PhD, MS, MBA. The recipient will:

- Be recognized at the PMI Global Congress-North America in October with an expenses-paid trip
- Receive IIL training valued at US $5,000
- Receive a cash prize of US $2,500

You may nominate yourself or someone else for the award.

Please email Christine Kane for any questions and assistance
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