



Shown with Mr. Monkhouse and Ms. Partleton are the two newest PMI Fellows, Alfonso Bucero, CSE, MSc, PMP (left) and Philip R. Diab, MBA, PMP. In the background are earlier recipients of the PMI Fellow Award, who traditionally are called to the stage to celebrate the newest Fellows.

project management profession in Spain, [including] the creation of the PMI Barcelona Chapter, [being] president of PMI Madrid Chapter, a [Leadership Institute] volunteer and now a Region 8 mentor. I enjoy writing for *PM Network*® magazine and my talks, seminars and the projects and programs I manage worldwide.

"However, my great achievement is being able to keep in touch with my project management colleagues, keeping active in the profession and being able to contribute to my professional passion—project management," he continued.

"Every day I say to myself my favorite sentence: 'Today is a good day.' Attitude makes the difference. Projects are about people and people need enthusiastic leaders to follow. My positive attitude has been crucial for my career success. You always can choose how your day will be; you cannot change the circumstances but you can choose your

reactions. Developing a positive attitude has been and is a need for the complete project manager."

Also becoming a PMI Fellow in 2011 is **Philip R. Diab, MBA, PMP**. Mr. Diab has been a champion of the expansion of the global reach of project management and a tireless advocate of PMI's role as the premier leader in the profession.

As a two-term PMI Board member, including four years of service on PMI's Governance Committee and 2008 PMI Chair, Mr. Diab has been a leader in the development of PMI's strategic focus linking programs and portfolios to an organization's strategy. His leadership was instrumental in providing governance and oversight of PMI's expansion into China and India.

Mr. Diab is a renowned speaker and has authored a book and dozens of articles with worldwide readership. In his current role as CEO of Leadership Formation, Mr. Diab provides strategic counsel,

coaching and facilitation on strategy, transformation and portfolio oversight.

Mr. Diab said he was most proud of representing PMI and the profession in visits to more than 30 countries during his tenure on the PMI Board. "In 2008, when I served as chair, I had the privilege of meeting with hundreds of professionals around the world and was able to hear directly how project management made a difference in their lives.

"Passion is a critical success factor, not only in advancing the profession but also in how we perform as professionals on a day-to-day basis," said Mr. Diab. "Whether it is passion for the organization we are part of or the project we are leading, passion focuses us on being proactive rather than remaining reactive to the environment. As for my own passion for the profession, this stems from the belief that project management is a driving force that helps organizations become better and enables society to advance."

2011 PMI Distinguished Contribution Award

This award recognizes significant achievement or sustained performance by an individual who contributes to the advancement of the project management profession and PMI.

This year, PMI honored three individuals with PMI Distinguished Contribution Awards.

Lee F. Cheshire, PMP, managing director, Program Management Consulting Impact Company, was honored for his significant contribution to the Aerospace and Defense (A&D) Specific Interest Group before and during its transition to a PMI community of practice. Mr. Cheshire's leadership during the transition and his individual work in developing the business plan were the key ingredients to making the transition a success.

According to his nominator, former PMI Director Jim Gallagher, PMP, PMI Fellow, "The business plan requirements for the

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A&D Community was a daunting task due to the unique R&D and program execution methods of this US\$1.4 trillion, highly technical and security-intensive industry. Mr. Cheshire took on the task of developing and writing this complex document that helped to unite the current and past board members in support of the transition."

Mr. Cheshire also helped in this transition as the vice chair of programs. "He achieved success in creating interest in the specific interest group in 2009 and 2010, bringing in new members to assume leadership roles in the current community, including the current director of programs," said Mr. Gallagher. "His attendance, support and initiative in attending Aviation Week A&D Programs and Supply Chain Conference are examples of his drive to develop meaningful industry relationships."

"Commitment, full and passionate buy-in, for oneself and the team, up front, is critical to program success," said Mr. Cheshire. "It fuels the project warriors to overcome roadblocks,

frustrations, risks, and problems that inevitably arise. With this fire, management tools when applied have greater affect because behind them is the determined follow-through of the team to move the program forward."

Jose Conrado Morlan, MBA, PMP, PgMP, Americas IT program delivery director at DHL Express, was honored with a PMI Distinguished Contribution Award for his activities and influence in championing project management to Spanish speakers in Latin America.

Mr. Morlan's extensive volunteer activities include giving presentations, mentoring those looking to achieve their Program Management Professional (PgMP)[®] credential, authoring articles and providing his expertise on the content committee of *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK[®] Guide)*—Fifth Edition.

"I think that creating new project management knowledge and the positive domino effect it produces is the achievement I am most proud of," said Mr. Morlan. "In 2008, I decided to be more active in the project management

community in North America and Latin America. After presenting in two global congresses in 2008, I had the opportunity to mentor a novice project manager, do more presentations at global and local project management congresses and unveil my passion for writing articles.

"For me, creating new project management knowledge is a two-way avenue. It is not only what I can share but what I can learn from others," he continued. "It is incredible how sharing knowledge has opened many doors and opportunities in the global project management community and has given me the opportunity to collaborate virtually or in person with different PMI chapters in North America, Europe and Latin America."

Mr. Morlan concluded, "I cannot conceive of being a project management professional without passion. The only way to produce good results is to love what we do."

Americo Pinto, PMP, a project management consultant, professor and researcher, was named the recipient of a PMI Distinguished Contribution Award for creation of the Project Management Benchmarking Survey. The survey, started in 2003, is an annual project that provides analyses of how organizations are using project management.

"This annual initiative belongs to 18 PMI chapters in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, the United States and France, working as a collaborative team," said Mr. Pinto. "The PMSURVEY.ORG is a broad survey of more than 700 organizations over the world. It freely provides reports, tools and information about how project management practices are being used in several countries. Our team includes more than 80 from several different countries, and all PMI chapters are welcome to join this initiative.

"Project management is undoubtedly one of my great passions. And having the opportunity to work voluntarily with PMI for over ten years is a great privilege," concluded Mr. Pinto.



Recipients of the PMI Distinguished Contribution Award were, from left, Lee F. Cheshire, PMP; Jose Conrado Morlan, MBA, PMP; and Americo Pinto, PMP.