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# Chapter-To-Chapter Program Expands

The PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter in the USA recently expanded its international exchange program to include a relationship with the PMI Distrito Federal Chapter in Brazil. This relationship has borne fruit with reciprocating speaking engagements.

Rodrigo Loureiro, PMP, president of the Distrito Federal Chapter, and Jose Cusnir, an expert on the globalization of the Brazilian software industry, delivered an informative and inspirational presentation at the PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter's August monthly meeting to a capacity crowd of 300 members. PMI Washington D.C. members Rodger Beatty and Janis Carter are scheduled to travel to Brasilia to reciprocate.



Speakers at the PMI Washington D.C. Chapter's August monthly meeting were (from left) Rodrigo Loureiro, PMP, Distrito Federal Chapter president, and Jose Cusnir, an expert on the globalization of Brazilian software industry. They are shown with Andrew Anderson, PMP, Washington, D.C. Chapter president.

Brantlee Jacobs, CAE, managing sponsor of PMI's Community Transformation Project, emphasizes the importance and desire of PMI chapters to collaborate.

"Chapter cooperation and collaboration provide opportunities to deliver greater consistency in member value," she said. "Members gain added value through the exposure and ancillary opportunities provided to them when chapters collaborate."

The PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter-To-Chapter expansion is modeled after an existing relationship with the PMI Montevideo, Uruguay Chapter, and is serving as the model for emerging relationships

with four chapters in India: Trivandrum, Hyderabad, Chennai and New Delhi.

"These affiliations have a common goal of fostering development of cooperative relationships in the pursuit of the project management profession," said Michael O'Brochta, PMP, chairman of the PMI Washington, D.C. Chapter-To-Chapter program. "Engaging and energizing chapter members is an important consequence."

Each chapter-to-chapter relationship is tailored and typically includes exchanging of speakers, exchanging of members and exchanging of information.

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