Trends & Themes That Will Dominate ITPM Education Through 2020

Professional Development Symposium Proposal

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Symposium Overview

Project management (PM) will continue to be one of the most important skills that employers will seek across industries through 2020. Our panel will discuss the following trends in IT Project Management education that educators need to be aware of: a) Agile SW development and agile PM continuing to trend upwards, b) mobile and smart device usage gaining ground, c) concerns about information security and cyberattacks and the need to address security in the management of the software life cycle by project managers, and d) formal PM education of technical and behavioral competencies. We will invite discussions on the above issues and provide insights on how to address the trends and adapt the curriculum.

Participants who are confirmed:

1. Dr. Vijay Kanabar, Boston University, Chair
2. Dr. Art Thomas, Syracuse University
3. Dr. Carla Messikomer, Project Management Institute
4. Dr. Meghann L. Drury- Grogan, Fordham University

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Panelist Information

Vijay KANABAR, PhD is an Associate Professor and the Director of Project Management programs at Boston University, he teaches software project management, information security, web application development. He has co-authored several books such as an Introduction to SQL, XBase, and Art and Science of Project Management. Major Fields of Scientific Research: IT Project Management, Curriculum Design and Development, Online education. Web application Development.

Carla MESSIKOMER, PhD is the Manager, Academic Resources at Project Management Institute. She has played a significant role in supporting research and education in the discipline of project management in many ways. She is a sociologist and research scholar who has published in the field of organizational ethics and healthcare. She is the co-editor of Advancing Human Resource Project Management.

Art THOMAS, PhD is the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, iSchool, at Syracuse University. He specializes in Project Management, IT Management and Financial Systems courses, and he is the current Faculty Curriculum Chair for Project Management Curriculum Guidelines a global faculty initiative sponsored by PMI.

Meghann L. DRURY-GROGAN, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at Fordham University. Her research focuses on decision making and team behaviors, project management communication, organizational communication and change. She has published in Journal of Systems and Software, Information Software & Technology, Business Communication Quarterly and Communication Quarterly.