An Invitation to submit your paper
for India's Biggest Project Management Research & Academic Conference

PMI Project Management Research & Academic Conference 2017

*Accelerating Development: Harnessing the Power of Project Management*

2nd - 4th March 2017, IIT Delhi

**Conference background**

The Project Management Research & Academic Conference is a three-day professional development event and the fourth in the series of Research & Academic Conferences conducted by Project Management Institute (PMI) India biennially since 2011.

The RAC 2017 is being hosted by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi and co-hosted by ABV-Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management (IIITM), Gwalior. The earlier three conferences held at National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), Pune in 2011; at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras in 2013 and at National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai in 2015 received overwhelming responses from scholars, senior practitioners and students. Experts from the education fraternity interacted with professionals to identify and seek solutions to bridge the gaps in capabilities, competence, knowledge base and expert talent in the field of project management.

Given the current scenario of vast changes sweeping the global landscape and markets realigning themselves to face these challenges, a large number of projects are being commissioned and executed to meet this burgeoning trend. This is indeed the right time to leverage the best practices of Project Management for better and faster project delivery to achieve significant results. The theme of the RAC 2017 focuses on harnessing the power of Project Management to achieve growth and accelerate development by inviting best Project Management practices to be shared and adapted to fast-track growth and development. The conference organizers look forward to receiving high-quality original research papers, surveys, case studies, technical notes and write-ups that link with the theme and/or fall into the broad topics listed under the call for papers. Papers from other areas which are connected with the theory and practice of project management would also be welcome.

**Conference highlights**

- Plenary sessions
- Technical Paper presentations
- Pre-conference tutorial
- Awards and commemoration of noted academicians
- Discussion & networking opportunities
Call for papers
Papers are invited on topics related to the theory and practice of project management in the areas of:

- National and International Mission Projects that may include U.N. / BRICS / EU Mission projects.
- R&D/Development/Organizational/infrastructure projects
- Engineering & Construction projects
- Social and Public systems
- Information Communication and Technology
- Project Finance
- Emerging issues in project management such as Project Complexity, Change Management, Benefit Realization, Benchmarking, Project Recovery, Agile, Concurrent & Set-based/Process Driven Approach
- Other areas that use project management principles

Authorship Information
PMI requires authors to submit their abstracts and papers without listing their name, credentials, and institutional affiliation within the content of abstract or as part of the file name used for their paper and other supporting documents. This includes authors citing themselves in the text as well as in the bibliography. Instead, authors should leave a blank parenthesis to indicate their own citations.

For those papers accepted for inclusion in the conference, PMI will add, to the paper and abstract, each author’s full name and institutional affiliation (which shall be picked up from the information entered in the profile section on the interface).

Registration & Submission Procedure
All authors are requested to log on to www.pmi.org.in/racpapers and register themselves as 'New authors'. Authors are required to fill in their personal details after logging-in.

'Call for papers' is divided in two stages which are explained below:

Stage 1: Abstract submission phase

**ADDITION A NEW ABSTRACT**

- Log in with your credentials on www.pmi.org.in/racpapers
- Add new abstract (500 to 1000 words)
- Save or Submit your abstract
- 'Save' enables you to log back in at a later date and edit or complete your abstract
- 'Submit' will move your abstract for review and you will not be able to make any changes
- Authors can submit multiple abstracts under the same log-in ID

**REVIEW**

- Your abstract will be reviewed and if selected you shall receive communication to submit your entire paper

Stage 2: Paper submission phase

**SUBMITTING YOUR PAPER**

- Log in with your credentials on www.pmi.org.in/racpapers
- All accepted abstracts will be visible on your account
- Click on the selected abstract and upload your paper in a word file (.doc/.docx) in the provision given for uploading your document
- In case of multiple abstracts selected on your account, kindly ensure the paper submitted matches the abstract

**REVIEW**

- All papers are evaluated through a double-blind peer review process.
- All papers submitted via the interface will be reviewed and selected papers will be communicated to the respective authors
- All authors will need to send in their final presentation thereafter.

*Abstracts and papers to be submitted strictly within the interface only. (Links to external sites strictly prohibited)*
Submission Format

Call for papers submissions must be written in English in a formal tone and contain original content.

Note: PMI strives to publish only those articles, papers and books that meet professional publication standards. All conference presenters must follow PMI’s submission guidelines when writing their paper and abstract. PMI will not review any papers and abstracts that contain incorrectly formatted text, references and graphics.

Word/Page Limit

Acceptable papers contain a maximum of 8,400 words. This page limit includes graphics but excludes references, and appendices. Guidelines for submitting papers will be provided in stage two.

All submitted papers must have the word count identified in the title. For example: "Project Complexity (7300 words)". Papers will not be accepted without a proper word count identified in the title.

Key Words

All papers submitted should include key words. Please limit to a total of five key words.

Evaluation Criteria

Some of the criteria that will be used for the evaluation of the Papers include:

1. Originality of topic
2. Relevance and current interest of topic
3. Quality of the paper’s methodology or approach
4. Quality of date or evidence presented
5. Quality of the theoretical foundation or critical stance
6. Quality of the writing (whether is it easily understandable)
7. Quality of the literature review
8. Quality of conclusions supported by evidence
9. Strength and coherence of the line of argument
10. Overall quality of the paper

(All papers will go through a plagiarism check to ascertain its originality)

Selected Papers

The decision of Technical Review Committee of PMI RAC 2017 is final. The final decision conveyed to the author can be one of the following:

a) The paper is accepted for publication in the conference proceedings and for presentation at the conference.
b) The paper is accepted for presentation at the conference
c) The paper is selected for a poster presentation but does not feature in the conference proceedings
d) The paper is not selected for the conference

Presentations

As the PMI Research and Academic Conference attendees comprise not only academic researchers and educators, but practitioners as well, Authors are requested to keep these audiences in mind while making presentations.
Additional Information

- If the paper is selected for presentation in the conference, the author must attend the Conference to present the same.
- All authors are expected to register for the conference by 31st December 2016, failing which their paper will be withdrawn from the Proceedings.
- If an author plans to present more than three papers, another co-author will also have to register.
- PMI reserves the right to edit all papers and abstracts for grammatical and editorial style as well as length and clarity.
- PMI will return papers and abstracts that require extensive editing and notify the author of the deadline for resubmitting the updated paper. Updated papers which are not resubmitted to PMI by the agreed-upon deadline are subject to omission from both the published proceedings and the conference schedule.
- Select set of papers will be published in its Research and Academic Conference proceedings, which will be made available on CD-ROM/pen drive, to every registered delegate at the conference.
- PMI may also use the submitted papers for conference-related purposes.
- A few, select papers will be considered for publication in special issues in peer reviewed reputed journal. More information will be made available shortly.
- Delegate fees, travel, accommodation and other fees have to be borne by the presenters themselves.

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