



Professorship Endowment Ceremony. From left to right: Sharon Greiff, VP of Finance, Giovanni Fanduz, VP of Programs, Philip Lee, VP of Membership, Marc DeCantillon, 2011 PMI President, Lisa Burns, UH Director, John Gorman III, 2009 PMI President, Dr. William Fitzgibbon, UH Dean College of Technology, Robert Masch, VP Internal Ops, Kathy Ridley, 2010 President, Rita Barrantes, VP of Communications, and Karen Duncan, VP of Marketing.

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## PMI Houston Gives \$250,000 Endowment to University of Houston

The Project Management Institute (PMI) Houston Chapter gave a \$250,000 endowment to the University of Houston College of Technology to establish a professorship in project management. This is the first endowment by PMI globally and the first professorship established by philanthropy specifically directed to UH's College of Technology. A reception announcing the establishment of the PMI Houston Professorship in Project Management was held at the University of Houston on September 29th.

UH achieved accreditation from the Project Management Institute in 2009. Currently, it's one of only 35 PMI accredited universities in the world, and one of only two in Texas. "It is with great pride we accept PMI's gift of \$250,000 on behalf of our college," said Dean William Fitzgibbon. "The Technology Project Management program in the college has increased significantly in popularity during the last four years. It has shown phenomenal growth and now ranks second highest among our college's graduate programs of study."

The endowment will provide permanent support to the University Project Management degree program, enriching the experiences of future project managers. "We look forward to continuing to support the University of Houston and the profession of project management," said John Gorman III, past president of the non-profit PMI - Houston Chapter.



# ERIC JENETT In Memoriam

## PMI Houston Lost A Close Fellow and A Founder Figure

It is with deep sadness that PMI Houston Chapter announces the recent death of Eric Jenett, one of the five founders of the Project Management Institute and of our Houston chapter.

Mr. Jenett was PMI's president in 1971, chair in 1972 and secretary from 1975 to 1976. He was a founding member and former president and chair of the PMI Houston Chapter, which was PMI's first chapter. Mr. Jenett was honored by PMI in 1975 for his distinguished contributions to the Institute.

He presented at numerous PMI seminars and symposiums, served on a number of panels, and published a variety of articles in the *Project Management Quarterly*, later to become the *Project Management Journal*<sup>®</sup>, and several other technical publications.

After receiving his master's degree in chemical engineering from Columbia University, Mr. Jenett spent the majority of his career with Brown and Root Corporation, now Kellogg, Brown & Root, in Houston, Texas, USA. He retired in 1989 from his role as corporate vice president. During his career, he worked on a wide variety of project types in several countries.

The PMI Eric Jenett Project Management Excellence Award is named in his honor. He was 88.

## COMING IN NOVEMBER...

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### myPMI-H EVENTS

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#### ENERGY CORRIDOR:

##### **Troubled Project Turnarounds**

**November 01, 2011. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.**

Shaw Group  
1430 Enclave Parkway  
Houston, TX 77077

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#### NORTH DINNER MEETING:

##### **Taming The Elephant In The Room**

**November 08, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Dinner Meeting: Strack Farms Restaurant  
5707 Louetta (Between Kuykendahl & Stuebner-Airline Rd.)  
Spring, TX 77379

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#### GALLERIA DINNER MEETING:

##### **Taming The Elephant In The Room**

**November 09, 2011 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77056

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#### UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON MEETING:

##### **Project Management and IT Security**

**November 16, 2011 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Dinner Meeting: HESS Club  
5430 Westheimer Road  
Houston, TX 77056

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### myPMI-H TRAINING

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#### **PMP® & CAPM® Prep - 4 day - November 2011**

November 14, 2011 8:30 AM to November 17, 2011 4:30 PM

Tri Tech Surveying  
10401 Westoffice Drive  
Houston, TX 77042

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#### **Certified ScrumMaster Training in Houston - November**

November 15, 2011 9:00 AM to November 16, 2011 5:00 PM

MicroTek/Texas Training  
11200 Richmond Ave, Suite 100  
Houston, TX 77082

Take advantage of this local opportunity to become a Certified ScrumMaster and begin your transition to Agile methods.

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#### **Introduction to Project Management - November 2011**

November 28, 2011 8:30 AM to November 30, 2011 4:30 PM

Tri Tech Surveying Company  
10401 Westoffice Drive  
Houston, TX 77042

This course designed to align the student's project experiences with the framework of Project Management as defined in the Project Management Institute (PMI) ANSI Standard "A Guide To the Project Management Body of Knowledge."

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For more information about coming events and training programs, including online training programs, go to <http://www.pmi-houston.org/meetinginfo.php>

## myPMI-H Newsletter

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### A message from your communications team

Dear PMI member,

First, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rita Barrantes and I am your recently elected VP of Communications. In this first edition of **myPMI-H Newsletter**, I would like to invite you to send us your feedback about our newsletter and give us ideas on how to improve our communications with you about news, future events, and training programs. Your input is extremely valuable to us and is very much appreciated.

Some things you may consider sharing with us are:

- Stories about our community of project management practitioners and how their work is impacting the industry
- Examples of best practices and how these can be used in other industries
- Questions or special topics of interest that you may be interested on

Also, as you may be aware, our Marketing group is using social networks such as LinkedIn to communicate with you. We encourage you to join this group by going to [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1844565&trk=hb\\_side\\_g](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1844565&trk=hb_side_g)

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

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