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Dear Readers,

The first quarter of 2011 is nearly over; what with the frenzy of the Cricket world cup and finding ways to assist with the disasters across the world in any small way, and of course doing your job too, I am sure the past few months have been as productive for you as it has been for us here at PMICC

Several new initiatives are being taken up by PMI USA and at PMI CC, with the untiring efforts of the excellent band of volunteer leaders, we have been busy executing several of the initiatives planned for the year.

The PMI CC education department set out a theme titled "Project Management for everybody" and we are proud to note that two items have already borne fruit in this quarter. We were able to conduct leadership training for a leading boy's school in Colombo and we are nearing completion of translating a PM Handbook into Sinhala to disperse amongst schools and institutes.

The PMICC Annual General Meeting in February brought together several members amongst whom we found very aptly experienced individuals who were happy to volunteer as leaders for the different streams of responsibility per the expectations of PMI USA. These volunteers come with several years of experience in the Project Management industry from before PMICC's inception into Sri Lanka, so we are bound to find several different ways in which we can provide a better service to the community at large. We invite you to meet these volunteer leaders by attending our member forums and soaking up as much knowledge as possible from them. Volunteer leaders are provided with concessionary training programs by the chapter to build up their leadership skills, so join us today and learn, learn, learn!

We will be in touch soon after the Sinhala and Tamil New Year with a new look to this newsletter.

**Oba samata Subha Aluth Avurudhak Wewa!  
Eniya Puthandu Nalvazhthukkal!**

The Editor

## PMI Member Forums 2011:

The PMI member forums are a monthly event focusing on knowledge sharing, networking, team bonding and awareness building about the potential, the scope and the dire need of experienced and certified project managers in the post-war re-construction phase in Sri Lanka.

These member forums are also an opportunity for those already certified to accumulate their PDU's and those with simply an interest to gain more insight to the value of a career in this field.

## February 2011

*The Value and Impact of Social Projects.*

**By: Mr. Balraj Arunasalam**

*DTM, District Governor, Toastmasters International and District 82.*

## March 2011

*Project Management fro a safe flight.*

**By: Capt. Upendra Ranaweera**

*Chief Crew Resource Management/ Human Factors Sri Lankan Airlines*

## Upcoming forums:

*\*\* Please visit our website or call the chapter office for confirmation of the dates since we are sometimes compelled to change the dates, venue and time due to last minute changes from our worthy speakers.*

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS TO TAKE THE CHAPTER FORWARDS IN 2011/2012**

The Annual General meeting of the PMICC was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 at the Ramada Hotel in Colombo. Several of the initial PMI members were present at this occasion to lend a hand to the continuous growth that the chapter is gearing towards in the coming years. The plans for the year were outlined briefly by the President, Hugo Wisidagama whilst the Secretary/ Vice President Aruna Kooragamage called for further volunteers from the audience to fill up the few vacant positions for committee members.



*Chapter President and Vice President at the PMI CC AGM discussing the roles and responsibilities of the volunteer leaders.*

It was heartening to see the response that ensued as several of the vacant positions were filled within a matter of an hour. This stands testament to the strength of the PMI and the recognition of project management as a worthy cause to be supported and nurtured for the future of the nation. It was strongly felt that the every individual there had something to gain and something offer. The PMICC is not an entity on its own; its strength and continuity lies in the hands of the members and the volunteer leaders who dedicate some time from their hectic schedules to offer something back to society.



Some of the key positions that were filled included the VP positions for Events and Marketing as these are the areas that PMICC will be focusing on in the next few months to increase awareness of the chapter and its events.



The VP Events has a strong team of Directors and Committee members assisting to ensure the monthly member forums and the upcoming leadership events and the PM Annual Conference 2011 will be supported sufficiently to ensure their success.

A presentation was given by the Director of Education, Shanaka De Silva about the plans in place to conduct several PM training programs in various locations out of Colombo.

The AGM culminated with a presentation of the finances of the chapter by the treasurer, Ganesh Wijenaiyake; he explained about the small profit that we managed to make from the conference and the plans that have been laid down to disseminate that profit back to the community in the form of social projects to provide leadership trainings to school children.

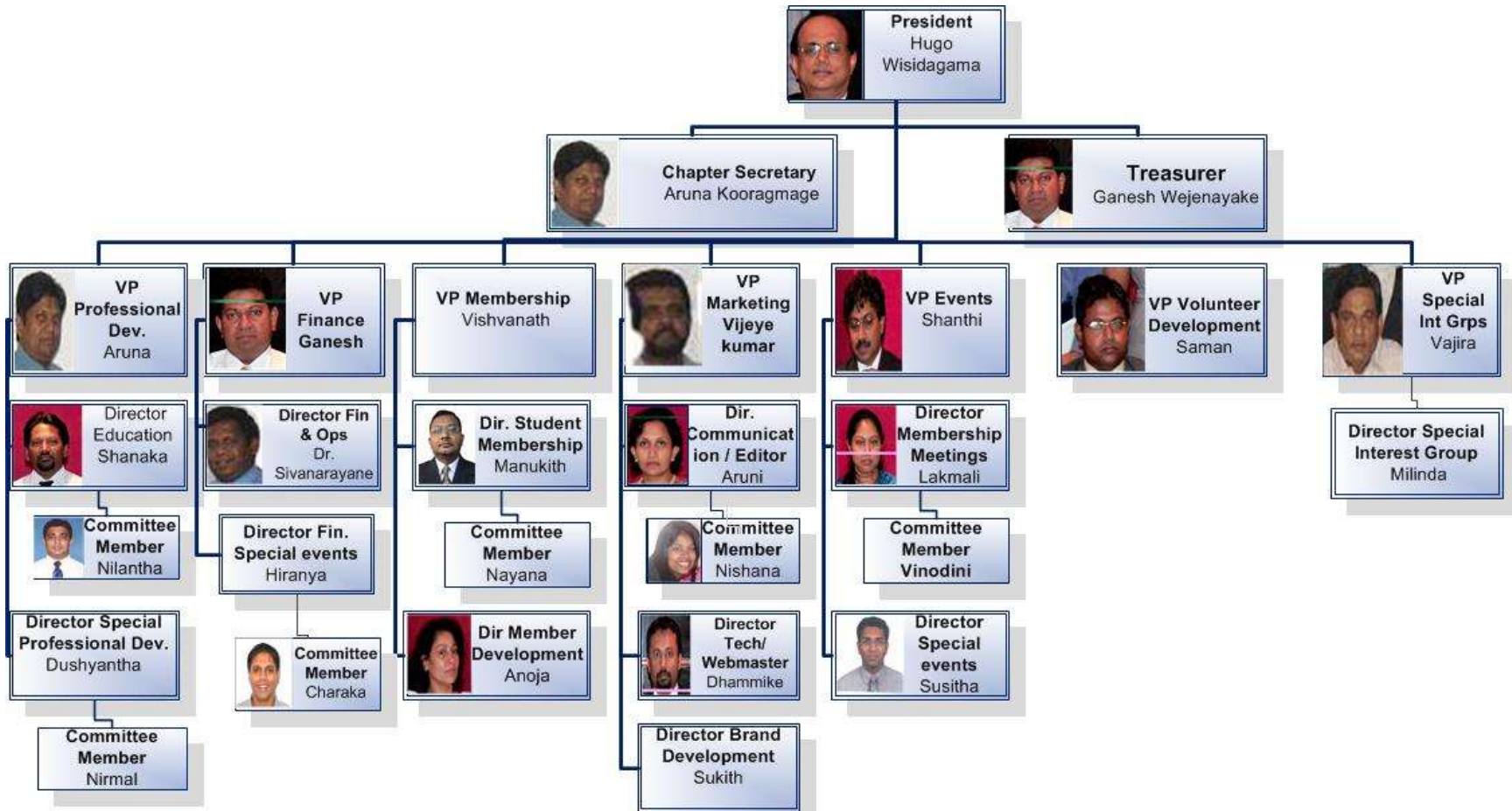
The backbone of any organization or institute lies in the hands of the administrative staff. PMI CC has hired these individuals to serve the member community better. The PMICC Admin Team, Jananga, Kaushalya and Neeliya are introduced below.



# PMI CC - CHAPTER UPDATE

## PMICCSL Organization Structure for 2011/2012

The Chapter President and Vice President welcome the new committee for the year 2011/2012 and wish you all the best for a successful and eventful year ahead with the chapter. As volunteers your time is important and your dedication to the chapter is appreciated immensely.



The editorial team apologizes for the quality of some of the pictures shown in the chart and also for the lack of some photos. We hope to secure photos of proper quality from the individuals soon and have this organization structure published on the chapter website

# New PMI CC members

PMI CC warmly welcomes and officially acknowledges the following members who have joined the chapter this year.

## PMI CC Members – January 2011

PMI CC welcomes the following members who joined the chapter in January 2011

#	Name	Member ID	Joined Date
1	Mr. Sivendiran Sethuram, PMP	392942	4-Jan-11
2	Ms. Anuki Dharshani Gunawardene	1733087	5-Jan-11
3	Mr. Kusela Samanjith Wickramasinha	1898985	6-Jan-11
4	Mr. Tejas V. Sura, PMP	48085	13-Jan-11
5	Mr. Prabath Samindra Wickramaratne	1990501	15-Jan-11
6	Mr. Dushan Indika Jayasinghe	1988788	15-Jan-11
7	Miss Nishana Samarawickrama, PMP	912428	16-Jan-11
8	Mr. Thayanithi Skantharopa	1991734	16-Jan-11
9	Mr. Maddumage Susitha Roshan Fernando, PMP	1916145	16-Jan-11
10	Mr. Mohamed Shafraz Cassim	1985435	19-Jan-11
11	Mr. Shakir Anas	1992949	24-Jan-11
12	Mr. Chaminda Sanjeewa Hewa Nalagamage, PMP	1339024	25-Jan-11
13	Ms. Saumya Dismanthi Jayathilake, PMP	1777777	25-Jan-11
14	Mr. Arulkumar Franklyn, Ebenezer Jebamani	1989577	25-Jan-11
15	Mr. Sanjaya Kasthuri Arachchi	1997718	25-Jan-11
16	Mr. Saminda De Silva	1997795	25-Jan-11
17	Mr. Wijamuni Arachchige Kulathilaka	1918358	27-Jan-11
18	Mr. Ahmad Irham Fais	2003114	31-Jan-11
19	Mr. Kolitha Mandanayake	914021	31-Jan-11
20	Mr. Mohamed Ifaham Mohamed Nizam	1992653	31-Jan-11

On behalf of the PMI CC SL, the editor wishes to apologize to anyone whose name was inadvertently missed out from the previous newsletter. If there are any concerns with regards to your details kindly get in touch with the PMI Office and we will remedy it immediately.



## PMI CC Members – February 2011

#	Name	Member ID	Joined Date
1	Mr. Lakshan Soysa	2003822	1-Feb-11
2	Mr. Pankaj Kejriwal	1096156	1-Feb-11
3	Mr. Deepthi Niroscha Wahalawatte	1849316	3-Feb-11
4	Mr. Kalum Sadharanga Katipearachchi	2007178	4-Feb-11
5	Mr. Buvaneka Charita Dumbukola, PMP	1895222	21-Feb-11
6	Mr. Chandika Jananth Nettasinghe	1866196	24-Feb-11
7	Mr. Dhanuj N De Costa	949955	26-Feb-11

## PMI CC Members – March 2011

#	Name	Member ID	Joined Date
1	Mr. Indika Udesh Ranasinghe	2027015	04 Mar 2011.
2	Ms. Dil C Piyaratna,	841773	08 Mar 2011.
3	Mr. Widana Ralalage Manoj Priyankara,	1699008	21 Mar 2011.
4	Mr. Mohamed A.M Riyas	2045502	29 Mar 2011.

## Member Renewals – 2011 Q1

PMICC welcome the members who recognize the presence of the chapter by renewing their memberships and continuing to support us.

No	Name	Member ID	Renewed Date
1	Mr. Sivendiran Sethuram, PMP	392942	6-Jan-11
2	Mr. Prabhath Deepal Hasantha Attidiya, PMP	1677174	19-Jan-11
3	Mr. Devaharan Premkumar PMP	1678448	21-Jan-11
4	Mr. Wisidagamage Don R Hugo	725864	28-Jan-11
5	Mr. Mohan Dharmappriya	1481793	9-Feb-11
6	Mr. Mahendra Prasanna Mahawidane Kulatilleke Esq., PMP	1267149	10-Feb-11
7	Mr. Chandana Anuruddha Samaraweera Sr.PMP	1686926	18-Feb-11
8	Ms. Jesintha Maheswaran, CAPM	1721237	20-Feb-11
9	Mr. Milinda N Gunasena, PMP	522051	25-Feb-11
10	Mr. Shanthilal Fernando	1495549	28-Feb-11

No	Name	Member ID	Renewed Date
11	Mrs. Upeka Kariyawasam	1088464	28-Feb-11
12	<b>Mr. Shanthilal Fernando</b>	<b>1495549</b>	<b>28-Feb-11</b>
13	Mr. Abdul Wadood M Riza, PMP	896296	28-Feb-11
14	<b>Mr. Vijayakumar Thavendran</b>	<b>1027150</b>	<b>2-Mar-11</b>
15	Mr. Nadarajah Selvanathan	1728939	4-Mar-11
16	<b>Mr. Chrysanth P. Jesuthasan</b>	<b>665258</b>	<b>6-Mar-11</b>
17	Mr. Sampath K Jayasundara	888521	10-Mar-11
18	<b>Mr. Charaka Wathsala Jayasena</b>	<b>1716974</b>	<b>20-Mar-11</b>
19	Ms. Vinodhini Srikrishnarajah	1387154	22-Mar-11
20	<b>Mr. Nilantha Sanjeewa Bruno Perera</b>	<b>1193530</b>	<b>22-Mar-11</b>
21	Mr. Susitha Udayana Samaraweera,	1739702	28-Mar-11
22	<b>Mr. Dushyantha Diksanda Dassanayake</b>	<b>1144730</b>	<b>29-Mar-11</b>
23	Ms. Gayani Shamalee Gunasinghe	1744378	30-Mar-11
24	<b>Mr. Hasitha Chandimal Wijetunge,</b>	<b>1512118</b>	<b>31-Mar-11</b>
25	Mr. Wishwa Kasun Ekanayake	1753306	31-Mar-11

## UP COMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS FROM PMI CC

**NEXT PMP EXAMS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2011**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSING ON – 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2011**

**4<sup>TH</sup>, SEPTEMBER, 2011**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSING ON – 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2011**

**4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2011**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSING ON – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2011**

**\*\* FOR DETAILS OF CAPM AND PMP CLASSES CONDUCTED BY THE PMI COLOMBO CHAPTER CONTACT – KAUSHALYA ON 0775-753605**

## Writers and Editors!!!

As the PMI CC expands in 2011, the need for better communication to the community at large is vital.

PMI CC are looking towards its members to take on this challenge to assist in the editorial team for 2011.

Besides the personal satisfaction of seeing your high-quality work in print and disseminated to the member community, this volunteer post also has the means to provide you with the necessary PDU's

Interested parties, please contact the editor at [editor@pmicolombo.org](mailto:editor@pmicolombo.org) or call the PMI CC offices and leave your contact details.

## Food for thought?!!

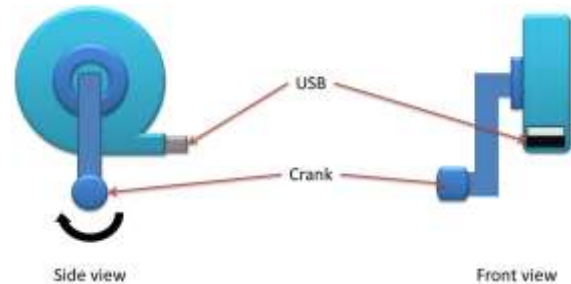
Have you heard of the “**Query Accelerator - for SQL Server?**”

This is supposedly an ‘amazing device’ that is potentially going to provide a physical intervention to assist with quickening the pace of SQL Queries. Identifying how best to optimize queries have plagued developers and database experts and all and sundry who have ever had to work with this phenomenal invention of the Structured Query Language.

I for one, several years ago, would have joyfully welcomed any contraption that allowed me a bit of physical exercise to quicken the pace of those annoyingly slow, nested and looped and ‘whatchamacallit’ queries. A CRANK to turn at the pace you wish! Perhaps this is the answer to all those unfortunate folks striving to ‘optimize’ their queries.

The concept of this device was released to the public on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2011 and this inventor has plans to tie up with a manufacturer from Singapore, Loof Lipra Ltd, to release the first device.

Please visit <http://dbantics.wordpress.com/2011/04/01/query-accelerator/> for further details of this innovative and truly wizardry concept.



**PMI CC calls upon ALL members in the PM profession to come forth as speakers for the member forums.**

*Interested parties please email the following particulars to Director, Events ([shanthilal@pmicolombo.org](mailto:shanthilal@pmicolombo.org))*

- A brief resume on experience, stating the industry and company and specific area of expertise.*
- Proposed topic of discussion and why it will be valuable to our members*
- At least 3 available dates*

*NOTE: this is yet another way for you to gather your PDU's.*