

The Global Forum on Maintenance and Asset Management (GFMAM) held its fourth series of face-to-face meetings from 15-19 May 2011 in alignment with the ICOMS Asset Management Conference, Gold Coast, Australia. Multiple projects were initiated and further developed during the meetings.



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The '**Asset Management Landscape**', led by the Asset Management Council (AM Council) and the Institute of Asset Management (IAM), is a tool that promotes a common global approach to Asset Management. During the meetings the following six actions were determined as the next steps in the project: Complete definitions of 39 subject areas; test scope of 39 subjects and definitions against ISO and during Accord Pilot; develop standard GFMAM Presentation for the landscape; develop criteria for what makes a good Asset Management conceptual model; White Paper on ISO vs Landscape; and map Asset Management Council models and competencies to 39 subjects.

The '**Accord**' project, led by the AM Council and IAM, is developing an accreditation process in anticipation of the new ISO standard for Asset Management. The Accord aims to provide recognition to and assess against standard vocational, professional and academic qualifications in asset management. To date, a draft process and asset management qualification framework has been developed. Next steps for the project are to identify existing asset management courses and to engage with target organisations in running a trial assessment.

The '**Growth of Regional Societies**' project, led by SMRP, aims to develop membership, both for companies and for individuals, of organisations who are members of the GFMAM. It was agreed the following four outcomes are to be actioned: establish a GFMAM Member Organisation Directory Use Process in order to Leverage the GFMAM website; develop Global Events Calendar for the GFMAM website; develop a Membership capture strategy for each organisation based on an analysis of each organisations

membership; and develop a Global Capture Strategy for local and regional organisation membership.

The GFMAM members of the '**Certification Review Project**' have functioning certification schemes. These organisations include EFNMS, ABRAMAN, PEMAC, AM Council, GSMP and SMRP. The project objective is to learn more about each other's existing national schemes for the certification of individuals in the maintenance and asset management professions and to effectively describe these schemes.

During the ICOMS Asset Management Conference, five international bodies had the opportunity to discuss and describe each others certification schemes, twice in a formal format in front of the conference attendees and also informally through various conversations. The bodies have committed to working together and will document what is understood of each other's scheme in writing.

It was identified by the Executive that the GFMAM requires increased support in order to manage workload and deliver outcomes for each project. A '**volunteer**' project team has been developed to increase the engagement with member organisations and will be led by SMRP, AM Council and PEMAC.

In 2009 the GFMAM carried out surveys of peak societies training programs and profiles which delivered results below our expectations. A series of recommendations were agreed upon during the working groups at ICOMS and GFMAM members have been engaged to investigate the problem and devise practical solutions.

The GFMAM Council expressed their thanks and appreciation to Hans Klemme-Wolff, immediate past Chairman and Jose Lobato de Campos (ABRAMAM) immediate past Executive Board Member for their commitment and involvement with the GFMAM during the past twelve months.

John Hardwick (Asset Management Council) is the new elected Chairman and Joao Ricardo Barusso Lafraia (ABRAMAN) has been elected to the vacant Executive position.

At 3pm Tuesday 17 May, the GFMAM Council voted to accept PEMAC's application to become a member. We welcome Cindy Snedden from PEMAC, Canada to the society. Initial discussions were also held in regard to the SAAMA (South African Asset Management Association) request for membership. A final decision is pending as there were no representatives for SAAMA present at ICOMS. At our next face to face meeting, a presentation by a senior SAAMA representative will be given.

The next face-to-face meeting is scheduled to take place in October 2011 in parallel with the SMRP Conference in the USA.

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