



DO YOU KNOW...?

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○ **Where do you come from?**

I come from Slovenia.

How did you become involved in project management?

That is a long story but I will try to make it short. I studied chemical engineering, but as a student I worked on international projects in a student organisation called “Management Group”. Because I liked projects and project management, I decided that I wanted to work in that field and wrote my thesis on the topic of project management. I had a very supportive professor who was also one of the founders of IPMA® in Slovenia.

And how long have you been with PMCC Consulting?

I have been working for PMCC Consulting since the beginning of summer of 2008. My main tasks at PMCC are related to training, consulting, and coaching activities for our clients. Most of my work revolves

around our clients – so I spend a lot of time at different locations where I hold training courses and coaching events. When I am not leading a training course, I work on other tasks in our Ljubljana office.

I am responsible for Slovenia and other former Yugoslavian countries too (from the preparation of training materials to marketing and sales activities). Besides that, I am now product manager for PMI®, responsible for instance, for the transition to new *PMBOK® Guide* – Sixth Edition and also all other responsibilities that belong to “product management”. I am also one of the trainers for PMP® certification preparation.

What makes working at PMCC Consulting so special?

One thing that is extremely important is the team spirit in the company. Although we don't see each other often, our work is based on open communication, support, respect, and trust. We work very success-

fully as a “virtual team”. I have been working in project management since 1999. If I compare this with my work in previous companies, the difference is lean organisation, clear responsibilities, and internal processes.

What is special about the PMCC approach?

I personally like PMCC Consulting because we take our work very seriously and therefore establish a partner relationship with our clients by understanding their projects, their specifics, and their environment. Based on that, we transfer the expert knowledge and experience that is really needed.

I have been working for PMCC Consulting for 10 years, and I would say the special characteristic specific to PMCC is its pragmatic and professional approach. Business environments are becoming more complex every year but PMCC is not trying to make things more complex, but instead to reduce the complexity and to help companies make it work on a daily basis.

We all know that simply learning new things does not mean people will use them in their daily work. What makes our approach so special are the real projects we work on during training courses. Our participants highly appreciate the group work and discussions related to implementation in real situations because they can put the material into practice immediately.

What do you like about your work?

Well, I like everything – meeting new people, experiencing new environments, and helping people improve their projects with simple but powerful methods. I also like that I can help participants develop their career and become better project managers and finally become certified project managers.

What is your next goal?

A lot of things are planned for 2018. Because I just took over the product manager’s role, my next goal is to implement and establish it in the most optimum way.

What do you see as the main challenges in the present and in the future?

I would say the main challenges remain the same – to develop and deliver material that will meet and exceed the expectations of the relevant stakeholders.

Project management as a profession is and will be evolving to adapt to new methods and new approaches related to limited resources, virtual teams, and stakeholder satisfaction.

What do you do when you’re not working?

Family, sports, and nature – if possible all at the same time. :)

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WORD RAP WITH ANDREJA KRIŽNIČ

My age... 45

The age I feel... 30+

When I look in the mirror in the morning, I think to myself...
new day, new adventures

A good day for me starts with... a good breakfast

I really don't like... a broken promise

My hallmark is... dedication

I find peace... in my garden

My great strength is... I am not easily stressed

My little weakness is... I am a perfectionist

If I could choose three things to bring to a desert island, these would be...
a mosquito net, a knife, and a water storage container

The most important invention of mankind for me is... the mountain bike

What is important to me is... independence,

The best way for me to relax is... walking in the woods

I can really enjoy... good food

Once I'd like to... see the northern lights

A "must" for me... four seasons

A "must-not" is... throwing away food

For me, home means... the place you love most

My greatest wish is that... everybody would meet a soulmate

