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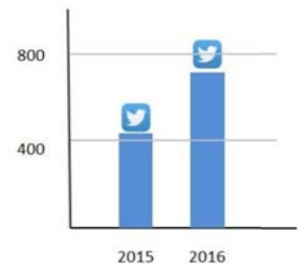
2015 / 16 – Another year to remember!

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Another special year for the WIPM SIG! We have continued to raise our profile and grow our community. Our twitter followers now number over 700. We received a good level of press coverage generally and for our events on the APM website, in Project Magazine and with an article I wrote for Project Eye an emagazine published by Coventry University students and another for the RICS Journal. We were also featured in a Belfast trade journal.



VIDEO

We released our diverse talent video and associated factsheet, launched at the 2015 London AGM accompanied by a news feature 'The sky's the limit' on the APM website and mention in Project magazine. Great work by the video project team! We continue to promote the video and ask others to share it via twitter and other social media as well as by email etc.

NATIONWIDE

We are truly a UK SIG now, with our first Northern Ireland event in Belfast, a second visit to Glasgow (invited back by BAE), my presentation at the Scottish Conference in Edinburgh, as well as events in Bristol (invited by Babcock), also Bristol (Autumn SIG Forum), Wolverhampton (focus on STEMNET and how to be career savvy) and Reading events. I also presented at the RICS APM Leadership Conference in London.

INTERNATIONAL

We made our International debut, when I attended the 2015 IPMA Conference in Panama City and presented a paper on Diverse Talent. In 2016 I also presented a Project Spring in Vilnius, Lithuania. We have formed useful links with PM groups in Europe in addition to growing our links with likeminded groups in the UK. We celebrated International Women's Day on 8th March jointly with WeArethe City – a highly successful event on Negotiation that also addressed gender pay disparity (evident for PMs in APM's Salary and Market Trends survey 2015). Our April joint event with RBS Women's Network UK arm reflects our growing links.

CONFERENCE

Our 2015 National WIPM conference surpassed the 21st anniversary National Conference astounding even the planning committee. We were thrilled with its success and have a mountain of photos for our archives. Videos of the Conference are available on the PM Channel. A major date for diaries again is the **National WIPM Conference 2016** on **29th September 2016**. Our National Conference is now the second most important calendar event after the main APM Conference and over 160 have already booked to attend.

WEBINAR

Our webinar on virtual teams brilliantly presented by Penny Pullan was an APM first - first time that live drawing/sketching occurred during a webinar. A further joint Webinar explored Diversity and Change.

My thanks to those who have contributed to the success of the WIPM SIG and its events / projects in 2015-16 including the Committee / Volunteers and external collaborators.

Chair