

Building Castles on Sand

(managing change in distributed environments)

Maintaining project sanity in an environment of ever-changing requirements is one of the main challenges of a successful completion of a software development initiative.

While being tough enough to manage the changes while face-to-face with the end-users, distributed projects face the additional challenge of maintaining the users happy over long-distance relationships.

This session will explore several critical elements that are required for an IT project to achieve success while coping with multiple locations, diverse mentalities and various time zones.

Methodology

Combining traditional instruction with hands-on exercises and simulations, this session provides practical guidance to dealing with the complexities of virtual or distributed project teams.

It also provides a safe environment to practice effective communication and change facilitation, successful negotiation and conflict resolution.

Objectives:

- ✓ Understand the specific challenges of virtual and distributed project teams
- ✓ Overcome challenges through effective communications
- ✓ Provide practical advice that can be applied next day in real-life

Format:

- ✓ 1 hour Keynote
- ✓ 1.5 hour Session

SPEAKER

George Jucan is well known in the project management community as a successful management consultant focused on enabling organizational efficiency through project, programme and portfolio management. He is a captivating speaker at public events, motivating trainer and author of high-impact articles.

His career includes methodology definition and capability assessment, business reengineering and organizational restructuring, projects audit and recovery, as well as hands-on management of projects - many of them winning provincial and national awards, and/or were profiled in specialty magazines.

A renowned expert in standards and methodologies, George is currently leading the Canadian Standards Mirror Committee at International Organization of Standardization (ISO) for the establishment of Project, Programme and Portfolio Management family of standards. He also had leadership positions for PMBOK® Guide 6th, 5th and 4th Edition, PMCDF - 2nd Edition, and Government Extension to PMBOK® Guide - 3rd Edition.

He is an active volunteer within PMI, having held many international and local positions including past President of Southern Ontario Chapter.

