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Clockwise from left, PMI President and CEO Mark A. Langley; closing speaker Cathy O'Dowd; plenary speaker Avinash Chandarana; Murad Bayar, Turkey's Undersecretary for Defence Industry.

## PMI® Global Congress 2013—EMEA:

# Leadership in Times of Change

By M. Cecilia Wong

Istanbul, the storied Turkish city where East meets West, proved an apt setting to discuss today's massive cultural and business shifts—and what they signify for the profession. More than 850 project professionals from 68 countries gathered at PMI® Global Congress 2013—EMEA to learn about everything from cross-cultural collaboration to leadership skills.

PMI President and CEO Mark A. Langley kicked off the event with some welcome news: EMEA (Europe, Middle

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## Awards Dinner Caps Hurricane Fundraising Efforts

New Yorkers are known for having a strong community of volunteers, especially in times when it is needed the most. 2012 brought much hardship to the New York City area from Hurricane Sandy, including loss of life, families displaced due to loss of their homes, and people looking for shelter, food and heat. The PMI New York City Chapter (PMINYC) community stepped in to see if there was any way it could assist.

After chapter officers conferred with government officials on where to donate money, 2012 Chapter President

Joshua Lerner, PMP, immediately had a communication sent to members and vendors notifying them that they could donate to The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation specifically for relief on hard-hit Staten Island, and The American Red Cross. PMINYC as an organization donated to these two funds. The chapter also listed various drop-off points where individuals could donate relief and clean-up supplies.

A few weeks after the storm, the chapter combined its ExCEL (Excellence in Creativity, Education and Leadership) Awards with a fundraising dinner for



2012 PMINYC President Joshua Lerner, PMP, awarding International Institute of Learning Executive Vice President Barry Schnell with a 2012 PMINYC ExCEL Strategic Partnership of the Year Award.



9/11 Museum and Memorial Executive Vice President James Connors, second from right, recipient of the 2012 PMINYC ExCEL Project of the Year Award, stands with, from left, PMINYC past presidents Richard Phelan, PMP; Stephanie Dawson, PMP; and Beth Ouellette, PMP, PgMP; and 2012 president Joshua Lerner, PMP (far right).

hurricane victims. The chapter raised over US\$8,000 for the relief effort from its communications to members and vendors and from donations at the dinner.

Recipients of awards given out at the event included those for the 2012 PMINYC ExCEL Strategic Partnership of the Year Award: the International Institute of Learning, World Federation of the United Nations Association and RAND in association with the George W. Bush First Ladies Initiative.

The awards night was capped with a presentation from past presidents who helped lead the organization throughout the years.