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QAI's Project Management Leadership Awards 2008 Announced

Infosys wins the top honors, with Microsoft, Xpanxion win the second spot and Wipro finishes as a close third at the 4th International Project Management Leadership Conference 2008. Kris Gopalakrishnan (CEO, MD, Infosys) delivers the keynote

/24-7PressRelease/ - NEW DELHI, INDIA, June 20, 2008 - The much-awaited QAI's (www.qaiasia.com) Project Management Leadership Awards have been announced at the 4th Annual International Project Management Leadership Conference (<http://www.qaiasia.com/Conferences/PML08/index.htm>) in Bangalore. QAI's Project Management Leadership Awards recognized leadership & contribution in the field of Project Management. It also encouraged breakthrough achievements & innovative approaches in the PM process that aims to help run successful projects in the IT Industry.

The winner of the 4th Annual International Project Management Leadership Award is Venkatesh V.C. and Sanju K.P for their paper on "KPI Driven Collaborative IT Performance Management". The winners feel that "Winning the Award was an amazing experience for us, even though the topic of the paper was a very fresh concept we never expected that we could reach at the first place, thanks to QAI for organizing such wonderful conferences and we are looking forward for more such conferences where in which we can exhibit our experience and learn from others experiences."

The first runner up position was awarded to Mukesh Jain (Microsoft) and Pravin Mukhedkar (Xpanxion) for their paper on "SCRUM Management : An Offshore Perspective". While commenting on the conference, Pravin says "@PML I have come across various Project Management experiences under one roof. No classroom training could have done this for me" and Mukesh says that "PML is the only forum I have seen that focuses on Innovation and Leadership in Project Management. It was an honor to present at this conference and we were excited to see the response we received for our presentation and delighted to received this award and recognition." LakshmiDevi from Wipro Technologies, while commenting on winning the second runners up position said that, "I value PML award as a great recognition from the entire PM community and tremendous motivation to achieve more."

The Project Management Conference 2008 had over 150 Author Intent submissions and a final of over 100 best practices and papers received from all across India. The three-member expert jury short listed these down to the best of 80 top papers. Further analysis and evaluation brought up the Top 18 papers - which were then chosen for presentation in this conference. The final countdown by a second jury panel narrowed the competition down to the Top 10 best papers which were announced at the Awards Night, out of which the best three got awarded.

The International Project Management Leadership Conference was opened with a keynote session by Kris Gopalakrishnan (CEO and MD, Infosys) who shared his perspective and highlighted upcoming trends in Project Management. Also, Raj Kalady (MD, PMI, India) addressed the gathering and predicted the trends and the path forward for PM in India.

Commenting on the same, Navyug Mohnot (CEO, QAI) says "Projects have been managed even long before distinctive management processes were identified. Now, with the advancement in the Body of Knowledge, even complex projects are being managed across multiple geographical locations and distributed environments. The progress seen by this profession has led to the emergence of Project Management as a critical element in this era of globalization."

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