

# George Pitagorsky, PMP

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## Biography

**“I see things as they might be while keeping a foot firmly planted in reality. Taking systems and process oriented views, I work with others to implement managed change to improve performance.”** George Pitagorsky

George Pitagorsky is a master management consultant, facilitator, and project, quality and knowledge management expert. He works to improve performance and quality. He has been involved in the development of businesses in the professional services, training and publishing fields and has extensive experience with large corporate, global clients.

As a management consultant, George assists clients in the area of project and engagement management (from both the client and supplier perspectives). He assesses organizational maturity and competency, and works to implement improvement and methodology implementation. For example, in a recent project for an national scope engineering consulting firm he directed a team to assess project management (PM) performance in an engagement management context, identify improvement and change management requirements, and create a program plan to implement PM improvement. He has also played an important role in the development of a formal PM Competency Model for a global consulting and training organization and its use in assessing large complex organizations in financial services IT and engineering consulting.

He has more than thirty-five years of experience in project and program management in Information Technology and general business settings, including financial services, professional services and manufacturing. George is a PMI certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

He led the team to develop *UPMM™*, a knowledge management tool with a complete, scalable project management methodology built in. He is author of *PM Basics™*, a globally recognized self-paced project management course.

George has been instrumental in the conception and development of the project management curriculum and core courses of a global training services provider. He was also part of the team that conceptualized a global training provider's business analysis curriculum. He is a widely respected teacher. In the words of one student, “George is an expert in his field. He has a way of teaching people when they do not know they are being taught!”

George's unique background includes the practices of Yoga, Tai Chi Chuan and meditation. He has mastered the ability to merge these practices and their underlying principles into an active family and business life. He has authored *The Zen Approach to Project Management* and the *Working Wisely Workshop* and the *Conscious Living/Conscious Working* program.

George Pitagorsky has authored many articles and papers and has been key note speaker on a range of topics that include the Zen Approach, Open Minded Mindfulness, Performance Improvement through Process Thinking, among others.

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**Professional Memberships and Certifications**

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ASTD - American Society For Training and Development  
IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers  
ASQC - American Society of Quality Control  
PMI - Project Management Institute  
    Certified Project Management Professional (PMP)

**Publications**

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*The Zen Approach to Project Management: managing Expectations and Performance from Your Center*, IIL Publishing 2007

Author of *Conflict Management: Opportunity for Relationship Building and Effective Decisions*, published in 2001 by John Wiley & Sons in *Project Management for Business Professionals*.

Author of *Managing Troubled Projects using the Zen Approach*, published in *Managing Projects in the New Age* 2008 by The ICFAI University Press

Author and product director of IIL's *PM Basics®* published in 2000 as a web/CDROM multimedia project management course

Co-author and product director of *Unified PM Methodology (UPMM™)*, 2001 by International Institute for Learning.

Co-author of the *Working Wisely and Conscious Living Workshops*.

Author of numerous seminars and workshops (partial list)

    Project Management Fundamentals

    PM for IT Professionals

    Business Process Reengineering

    Managing Continuous Change

    Applying Total Quality Management to Systems Development and Design

    Relationship Skills and Consulting Skills

Various Articles on Project Management, Engagement Management and Change Management, including a continuing series on the Zen of Project Management

Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of *Breakthrough* Newsletter from 1995 - 1997