



### **New initiative aims to improve the delivery of complex projects**

Two leading organisations have come together to enhance the successful delivery of complex projects.

The Association for Project Management (APM) and the UK Chapter of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE UK) have combined forces to create a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Systems Engineering and Project Management (SEPM). The JWG aims to help organisations avoid some of the costliest problems associated with complex projects, such as delays and cost overruns, by describing and promoting good practice in the fusion of systems engineering and project management.

The JWG brings together leading experts and practitioners from industry, academia and government to support the development of guidance on getting the best from SEPM. This includes the apportioning of roles and responsibilities, the competencies required from the two disciplines and education and training needs, all within the context of harmonised processes and lifecycles. The JWG is also documenting the value to be obtained from combining the two disciplines together, and is illustrating this value through a range of real-world case studies.

The various JWG workstreams are being enthusiastically supported by APM and INCOSE UK members. The guidance provided by the JWG will be promoted through various communications channels so that SEPM good practice is available to and exploited by commercial and public organisations across the UK. The initial results were briefed at INCOSE UK's Annual Systems Engineering Conference (ASEC) on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November. Further briefings, guidance material and other products will be delivered over the following months.

Prof Mike Wilkinson, immediate past-president of INCOSE UK and one of the founders of the JWG, said: "This is a superb example of cooperation between professional bodies in the UK, and it has the potential to deliver significant and long-lasting benefits. I have been truly impressed by the levels of support for this initiative from INCOSE UK and APM, as well as by the energy and professionalism of individual members contributing to the work."

Another founder of the Group, Mary Mckinlay, Trustee and Board Member of APM commented: "The APM vision is to create a world in which all projects succeed, this initiative can only assist us to achieve our aims. We were delighted to have the support of our Chairman, Mike Nichols at the first meeting."

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## Press Release



### **Notes for editors:**

#### **About INCOSE UK - [www.incoseonline.org.uk](http://www.incoseonline.org.uk)**

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#### **About the Association for Project Management (APM) – [apm.org.uk](http://apm.org.uk)**

The association is a registered charity with over 20,000 individual and 500 corporate members making it the largest professional body of its kind in Europe. As part of its strategy to raise awareness and standards in the profession it is currently in the process of [applying for a Royal Charter](#). APM's mission statement is "To provide leadership to the movement of committed organisations and individuals who share our passion for improving project outcomes".

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