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PPM WORLD TOUR 2026

LIFE SCIENCES

Where Project Leaders Seek Excellence and Find Solutions

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UNLIKE ANY OTHER PPM EVENT



Content

Disrupting the Status Quo

The PPM WORLD Tour breaks the mold by consistently being the first to bring:

- **Innovative solutions** that address the toughest challenges in project and portfolio management.
- **Inspirational speakers** who have successfully led some of the most impactful projects and portfolios, setting benchmarks for the industry.
- **Actionable insights** that empower Project and Portfolio Leaders to lead their teams and organizations to success.



People

Designed for Human Beings Who Happen to Be Professionals Leading Impactful Projects

We understand that **success** isn't just about **methodologies** or **strategies**, it's also about **connection, collaboration, and shared experiences**.

At our conferences, we go beyond **professional growth** by creating an environment where you can **connect meaningfully, form genuine friendships, and build critical business relationships** that support both **personal and organizational success**.



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Curating Senior-Level Interactions

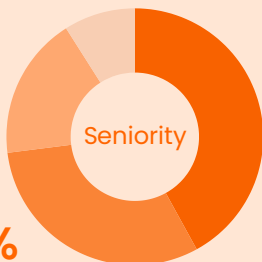
Through **visionary keynotes, practical case studies, hands-on workshops, and peer-driven roundtables**, you'll gain not only the **frameworks and tools to deliver results** but also the strategic connections that will power your projects forward.

- **Tailored Matchmaking Platform:** Personalized connections powered by our platform to build strategic partnerships and find practical solutions.
- **Informal Networking Sessions:** Casual interactions with peers and decision-makers.
- **Evening Socials:** After-hours events fostering meaningful conversations and connections.
- **Sponsored Cocktail Receptions:** Networking events to connect over drinks in a relaxed atmosphere.
- **Sponsored Peer Group Dinners:** Private gatherings for senior influencers, CEOs, and thought leaders to discuss key topics.

9%

C – Level, founder

18%
Other



42%
Global
Heads &
Senior
Director

31%
EVP, SVP, VP

Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:










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It feels like a very **tight community of professionals**. A **strong platform for learning, sharing, and discussing challenges and opportunities**. ”

WHY ARE PROJECT AND PORTFOLIO MANAGERS STUCK ?

Project and Portfolio Managers in Life Sciences are navigating **some of the most complex challenges of any industry**. Their roles demand **balancing scientific innovation, long-term development cycles, stringent regulations, and commercial pressures** - all within a **highly competitive and resource-constrained environment**.

Here's why many find themselves stuck:

- 
Balancing Long Timelines and Rapid Changes
 Balancing 10 – 15 years of development with constant shifts.
- 
Regulatory and Compliance Pressures
 Keeping pace with evolving global regulations while staying agile is a constant struggle.
- 
Data Overload Without Insights
 Fragmented systems prevent PPMs from turning vast amounts of data into actionable strategies.
- 
Reactive Management Over Proactive Strategy
 Frequent disruptions, like trial delays or supply chain issues, leave little room for strategic planning.
- 
Resource Constraints
 Limited funding and talent create bottlenecks.
- 
High Failure Rates
 With 90% of clinical trials failing, PPMs must manage risks and reallocate resources rapidly.
- 
Emerging Technology Gaps
 Legacy systems slow the adoption of AI, machine learning, and automation.
- 
Fragmentation Across Functions
 Misaligned goals lead to inefficiencies.
- 
Partnership Complexities
 Aligning goals, expectations, and cultures in biotech-pharma alliances is critical yet challenging.
- 
Conflicting Stakeholder Demands
 Balancing expectations from stakeholders, regulators, and investors often creates tension.

Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:

“ Two days full of learning and dynamic discussions – I’m going home with **knowledge I can apply right away.** ”

HOW THE 2026 PPM WORLD TOUR WILL HELP ?

The 2026 PPM World Tour offers actionable solutions to help PPMs break free from these challenges:



Prioritization Frameworks: Practical tools for managing complex portfolios effectively.



Cross-Functional Collaboration: Insights to break down silos and align teams.



Emerging Tech Integration: Best practices for leveraging AI, automation, and predictive tools.



Providing **strategies** for **aligning stakeholders, managing risks, and ensuring compliance** in a **dynamic environment**.



Case Studies and Peer Learning: Proven strategies from industry leaders tackling similar challenges.

Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:





















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I liked the **diversity of the topics** – even though I focus on one area, I got **inspired by many others**.

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KEY TOPICS

- **Portfolio Optimization & Strategy**
Designing and managing portfolios to maximize value and align with long-term organizational goals.
- **Program and Portfolio Prioritization**
Frameworks for balancing competing priorities and ensuring strategic alignment.
- **Budgeting and Financial Forecasting in PPM**
Practical tools and methodologies to align financial planning with portfolio goals.
- **Strategic Alliances & Partnerships**
Navigating collaborations to drive mutual success and portfolio growth.
- **Clinical Development Efficiency and Acceleration**
Strategies to streamline clinical trials and bring innovations to market faster.
- **Resource Management & Optimization**
Optimizing resource allocation and utilization across diverse portfolios and projects.
- **Building Internal Capabilities**
Enhancing organizational competencies to adapt and excel in complex project environments.
- **Cost Efficiency and Value Creation**
Driving financial efficiency while maintaining quality and innovation.
- **PPM Tools & Technology**
Exploring the latest tools and platforms that enable smarter project and portfolio management.
- **Driving Innovation in PPM**
Fostering creativity and groundbreaking ideas to transform project outcomes.
- **Cross-Functional Collaboration**
Breaking down silos and building stronger team alignment across functions.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making & Scenario Planning**
Leveraging analytics and scenario planning for proactive and informed decisions.
- **Risk Management**
Anticipating, evaluating, and mitigating risks across portfolios and projects.
- **Governance Excellence**
Establishing effective governance structures to enhance accountability and performance.
- **Regulatory & Compliance Challenges**
Addressing the evolving regulatory landscape and ensuring compliance across projects.
- **Emerging Trends & Technologies**
Exploring cutting-edge advancements and their impact on PPM practices.
- **Artificial Intelligence in PPM**
Harnessing AI to revolutionize decision-making, risk management, and portfolio optimization.
- **The Future of PPM**
Anticipating and adapting to trends shaping the next era of project and portfolio management.
- **Best Practices Without Organizational Change**
Practical strategies to enhance efficiency without large-scale restructuring.
- **Leadership & Culture**
Fostering leadership excellence and a culture of collaboration and innovation.

OUR VALUED SPEAKERS, PAST AND PRESENT



Richard Bayney
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Pharming Group N.V.

and other industry leaders – see more online

Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:

“

The speakers were **so inspirational** – they gave me **new ideas and fresh ways** to approach leadership challenges.

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Home



INDUSTRY LEADERS JOINING US FROM



Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:

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A **rare chance** to **learn from top experts**, **share openly**, and leave with both **knowledge** and **meaningful connections**.

”

OUR **VALUED PARTNERS**, PAST AND PRESENT



Company size:

58%

Large and medium companies

42%

Small and Startup Companies

Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:

“

This conference **delivers exactly what you need** without the unnecessary fluff of other events.

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WHY PARTNER WITH WHY SUMMITS?



EXHIBIT

Present your latest products, solutions, and innovations to a targeted audience. Capture attention, generate excitement, and position your brand as a key industry leader.



ENGAGE

Build meaningful connections with key decision-makers and industry leaders. Participate in face-to-face discussions, gain valuable insights, and cultivate lasting partnerships.



BRAND

Enhance your brand's presence with exclusive sponsorship opportunities. Engage a wider audience, boost brand recognition, and create a memorable impact on industry leaders and attendees.



ELEVATE

Showcase your company's vision, expertise, and innovations. Foster meaningful discussions, and explore potential partnerships that drive growth.

Opportunities with us:

Exhibit

With a large and senior audience of decision-makers that are thoroughly selected, exhibiting at any Summit, there is a popular sponsorship option with a great value for solution providers.



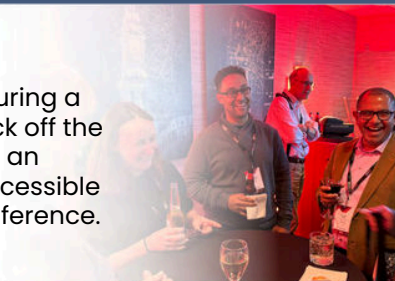
Speaking

Speaking opportunities are available for our sponsoring partners to demonstrate the expertise of their organization.



Cocktail Party

A vibrant evening program, featuring a 5-minute opening address to kick off the cocktail party. Enjoy the event at an exquisite venue, conveniently accessible with transportation from the conference.



VIP Dinner

These dinners bring together thoughtfully selected groups of 15-20 peers. The dinners start with a 30-minute networking reception followed by a 60-minute seated dinner, with the option for participants to remain afterward to continue networking.



ABOUT THE PPM WORLD TOUR

PPM WORLD TOUR: The Premier Global Forum for Life Sciences Innovation

The **PPM World Tour** is the **leading conference series driving innovation and excellence in project, program, and portfolio management** for the **pharma, biotech, and life sciences industries**. As the only **truly global forum** of its kind, it connects **senior leaders, decision-makers, and innovators** to tackle the unique **challenges of modern portfolio management**.

Bringing together **key stakeholders across the value chain**, ranging from **large pharma companies, biotech pioneers, and manufacturing leaders** to **disruptive startups, investors, and technology providers**, the PPM World Tour provides an **unparalleled platform to learn, collaborate, and transform**.

Be Part of the Change

As the **pharma and biotech industries undergo fundamental transformation**, the **PPM World Tour** is **more than just a conference**, it's a **catalyst for progress**, equipping **professionals** with the **insights and connections** they need to **lead in an era of rapid change**.



Why we are the **#1 choice** for PPM events:

“

I'm going home with **so much knowledge** to **share with my team**.

”

“

The **diversity of participants** made for a **really rich experience**.

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Home

2026 PPM CONFERENCES

Europe:



PPM Summit Barcelona 2026

32nd European Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **February 24–25, 2026**
Location: **Barcelona, Spain**

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PPM Summit Basel 2026

33rd European Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **April 22–23, 2026**
Location: **Basel, Switzerland**

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London Biopharma PPM in Clinical Research and Development Summit

Date: **May 14–15, 2026**
Location: **London, UK**

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PPM Summit Frankfurt 2026

34th European Pharma & Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **September 23–24, 2026**
Location: **Frankfurt, Germany**

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PPM Summit London 2026

35th European Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **October 20–21, 2026**
Location: **London, UK**

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Basel Biopharma PPM in Clinical Research and Development Summit

Date: **November 17–18, 2026**
Location: **Basel, Switzerland**

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PPM Summit Stockholm 2026

36th European Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **November 24–25, 2026**
Location: **Stockholm, Sweden**

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5th Pharma & Biotech Project Delivery & CapEx Summit

Date: **December 1–3, 2026**
Location: **Basel, Switzerland**

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2026 PPM CONFERENCES

North America:



PPM Summit San Diego 2026

27th American Life Sciences Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **February 18-19, 2026**
Location: **San Diego, CA, USA**

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PPM Summit Chicago 2026

3rd American MedTech Summit

Date: **April 1-2, 2026**
Location: **Chicago, IL, USA**

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PPM Summit Philadelphia 2026

Philadelphia Biopharma PPM in Clinical Research and Development Summit

Date: **April 14-15, 2026**
Location: **Philadelphia, PA, USA**

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PPM Summit San Francisco 2026

29th American Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **June 9-10, 2026**
Location: **San Francisco, CA, USA**

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PPM Summit Toronto 2026

Canadian Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **May 27-28, 2026**
Location: **Toronto, Canada**

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PPM Summit Boston 2026

30th American Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference

Date: **October 14-16, 2026**
Location: **Boston, MA, USA**

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American Pharma & Biotech Project Delivery & CapEx Summit

Date: **October 14-16, 2026**
Location: **Boston, MA, USA**

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PPM Summit Las Vegas 2026

3rd American Projects & Portfolio Leadership Summit

Date: **December 8-10, 2026**
Location: **Las Vegas, NV, USA**

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PPM Summit Melbourne 2026

2nd AU Pharma and Biotech Project, Program and Project Management Conference

Date: **September 2-3, 2026**
Location: **Melbourne, Australia**

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PPM Summit Hyderabad 2026

4th Strategic Project, Program and Portfolio Management Conference for Pharmaceuticals

Date: **September 29-30, 2026**
Location: **Hyderabad, India**

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Asia and Oceania:

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Liza Zhaivoronok

Vice President, PPM World Tour

The **PPM World Tour** is led by **Liza Zhaivoronok, Vice President** at **Why Summits**.

Liza is responsible for the **vision, strategy, and execution** of the PPM World Tour, ensuring that each event provides **exceptional value for attendees**. With her **leadership** and a **passion for delivering actionable insights**, Liza ensures the tour addresses the **evolving challenges of senior-level PPM professionals worldwide**.

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Sponsorship Director

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Sri ensures that sponsors gain **meaningful engagement** and **visibility**, creating **valuable opportunities** for both **sponsors and attendees**. His **collaborative approach** is a key factor in making the PPM World Tour a **platform for impactful connections**.

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Director of PPM & PV Projects

Lubos, Director of PV & PPM Projects, brings **20+ years of event experience** and a strong focus on **Life Sciences**.

He supports clients in **fully capitalizing on Why Summits** to drive **knowledge, connections, and new business**.

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