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Important Dates to add to your calendar...

- ☐ **May 18th, 11:30-5 pm, HPM Board Meeting.** Host: Canada Post Central Letter Processing Centre
- ☐ **May 19: 6 Best Practices & Value Stream Mapping Forum** – 1) 4 VSM Best Practices in operations/admin areas 2) 2 Best Practices chosen for Canada's Largest Lean Conference in Edmonton June 6-10. **They'd like your feedback to tune their presentations!!**
- ☐ **CANCELLED: May 24th, HPM Employee Leveraging Tour at Bird.**
- ☐ **Jun 6-10th: "Implementing & Sustaining Lean Thinking Everywhere."** An AME Canadian Region & CME Western Division practical Lean Conference in Edmonton, Alberta. www.measureupforsuccess.com
- ☐ **Jun 14th, HPM Employee Leveraging Tour #14** Host: Samuel Strapping, Daniel Dstancescu. **67% Full**
- ☐ **Jun 28th, HPM Employee Leveraging Tour #15** Host: Willow Manufacturing, Dennis Wild **Full**

Is the World Getting Safer?

Looks like the cross-border radiation sensors are getting more sensitive... a case for less stress?

Just a few weeks ago some of our family friends who live in the US were stopped short at the Buffalo border when coming into Canada. They were asked to leave the car and enter the Customs Office. Every inch of their car – and their person – was scanned because they had set off the 'radioactivity sensors.'

Very perplexed, and uncertain as to what was happening, the scanners pin pointed the family matriarch – *which they found even more perplexing*. After much questioning it was determined that she had taken a 'stress test' at a local medical lab over a week prior to the trip. Apparently it was the radiation from the Thallium she had ingested during that process which was the source, and it was still very much active. With much intense discussion and note taking they were allowed on their way.

However, ten days later they began their return journey to the US where she again set off the alarm bells. But this time the scrutiny was an order of magnitude higher, the questioning more intense, and all scanning records of the travelers, the car, and the green card - were noted and filed.

Your editor was taking such a test this past week and was told that this was becoming a reality and their lab was issuing 'confirming letters' to folks who were border-bound.

The moral? ***If you are taking a Stress Test – and will be traveling across the CDN-US border in the next 2-3 weeks – get a signed letter from your medical lab or be prepared to build some delay into your travel plans... at least until you stop glowing.***

An HPM Initiative for HPM Members Practitioner-to-Practitioner Exchange

*... with 78 Practitioners ready & willing to help any other HPM Member
And all you gotta do is ask!*

All of the 78 folks who have signed up to field your calls, and help you if they can, have been contacted and **are looking forward to a phone conversation** to see if what you are looking for is what they can help with. In an HPM 'No-Blame Environment' the initial open discussion by phone is important to **ensure both sets of expectations are attainable** because there are so many, many variations on each topic that it pays to 'get aligned' first.

To get access to the 78 person Practitioner Roster, you will need the password and login data from Nicole for your company. Call or leave a message for her at 519-893-6260 and she will get the keys to you since the **Roster is on the "Member Side"** of the HPM Website. There is no cost for this.

Here are the Categories you can draw from:

	[People]
Workplace Organization (5-S).....	7
Call Centre – Technical Support.....	1
Continuous Improvement.....	7
Cultural Change.....	1
Digitization.....	1
E-Business.....	3
EHS/VPP Global Star Program.....	1
Employee Relations/Rew/Rec Systems.....	2
Finite Element Analysis.....	1
Financial Reporting/Borrowing.....	1
Horizontal Machining/Processing.....	1
IT Troubleshooting/Tech Proj. Assistance..	2
Kanbans & Kaizens.....	5
Lean Implementation.....	6
Logistics	1
Manufacturing Systems.....	1
Productivity.....	2
Project Management.....	1
Quality Standards – ISO.....	3
Quick Response Mfg Implementation.....	1
Safety & Environment.....	1
Six Sigma.....	4
Sourcing	1
Statistical Process Control (SPC).....	1
Supplier Development.....	2
Teams.....	3
Tooling & Fixture Design.....	1
Value Stream Mapping.....	6
Warehousing & Distribution.....	1

Total # of Categories 29
Total # of Practitioners Available... 78
to HPM Member Companies

National Regional Lean Conference is Gathering Steam for a June 6-10

Remember, this conference is lasered on Lean Implementation & Sustainability

Key Elements: See www.measureupforsuccess.com for the details

- ❑ Already there are now over 300 people coming with the number increasing daily (beginning last Tuesday) Our target was 400 – it's on its way!
- ❑ A Consortium Reception... for all Consortium Members of Consortiums of all stripes... Organized by **Paul Deckert**, our Opportunities & Alliances Chair. *Be sure to be there on Tuesday night from 6-8pm.*
- ❑ 14 (Yes fourteen) Authors will be there --- Book Signings will be arranged
- ❑ An incredible 12 Keynoters for all to hear... messages to inspire
- ❑ 32 Best Practices delivered by over 48 practitioners including HPM'ers COM DEV Space and Rockwell Automation and Cambridge's Stack-A-Shelf... *You will meet both 'Stack' and Rockwell at this Thursday's VSM Forum*
- ❑ 20 Workshops presented by some of the best delivery professionals around
- ❑ 12 Seats only in the Top Lean Leader Workshop on Monday with Dr. Robert Hall & his team... *For strategists preparing to apply Lean to their Leadership.*
- ❑ Lean Leader Dinner & more
- ❑ Register online ASAP to catch your Workshops and Tours....

A 20% Reduction For HPM Consortium Members

For companies who are sending 1 - 3 staff to the largest Lean Conference in Canada on June 6-10th in Edmonton - and cannot take advantage of the 'Send 5 but pay for 4 discount' - here is a way to get that 20% discount via HPM:

If you send a completed registration form to Nicole at the HPM Office, she will combine your numbers with other HPM registrants to make up the teams of five from HPM to tap into the discount.

For example - If you're in an HPM Consortium company and want to send one person to the AME CDN Regional Conference – you can get **20% off the Member Registration fee** by having Nicole find 4 others **from other HPM companies** to reach the 'magic number' of 5 people.

Here's how: You can do this by sending your fee(s) along with the fully completed registration form (on the new flyer which you can download from the website www.measureupforsuccess.com) to the HPM Office.

If you are sending fewer than 5 people, Nicole can 'pool' you with other HPM'ers for a 20% reduction in registration price for everyone – **as long as she can find a total of 5 folks.**

This means sending your registration AND fee (less 20%) to Nicole. When a quantity of 5 registrations is reached, she will quickly send one cheque from HPM, along with the 5 completed registrations, to AME.

To get the discount, all 5 have to be included in the same cheque which Nicole will prepare for AME – with **each registrant having completed fully the registration** form from the web's download of the new flyer. You can send in your registrations now **while there's still Workshop & Tour space available.**