

## Welcome to the PMI Switzerland Chapter Newsletter 18.11.2008



### PMI Chapter Officer Elections 2009

Dear Members of the PMI Switzerland Chapter,

The year 2008 is soon coming to a close and the Nominations Committee would like to inform you of the nomination and election procedure and open the call for nominations for Chapter Officers for 2009.

For half of the Chapter's Board of Directors their terms will end, including:

- Rüdiger Geist, PMP,
- James Greene,
- Alex Matthey, PMP, and
- Roland Sauter, PMP

As well as for the one-year-term of the:

- Nominations Committee and
- Financial Auditors

The terms of Roger Dixon, PMP, Martin Härri, PMP, Serge Medic, PMP, and Bernard Roduit will continue in 2009.

James Greene, Alex Matthey and Roland Sauter have decided to step down from the Board of Directors. Rüdiger Geist has decided to stand up for reelection.

The election procedure will be in accordance with the bylaws of the PMI Switzerland Chapter, namely Article III, Section 3, Article IV, Section 1, and Article VI. As in the previous year, all candidates will be listed together. The membership will be asked to vote for four (4) candidates for the Board of Directors, plus two (2) candidates for the Nominations Committee and two (2) candidates for the Financial Auditors.

The candidates with the highest number of votes will be awarded the respective Chapter Offices. The newly elected and continuing (mid-term) Board of Directors members will meet following the Annual Members Meeting to select their role in the Board and areas of responsibility for the coming year.

### Call for Nominations

If you would like to become a member of the PMI Switzerland Chapter Board of Directors, Nominations Committee or Financial Auditors, please [download the "Chapter Officer Nomination Form"](#), complete and send it to the Nominations Committee at [elections@pmi-switzerland.ch](mailto:elections@pmi-switzerland.ch). The due date for submitting your nomination is Friday, 12 December 2008. (or see attachment 09-PMI-CH\_C261\_NominationsForm.doc)

- Candidates for the Board of Directors positions must be members in good standing of the PMI Switzerland Chapter, and must have participated in event organization committees and/or Chapter task forces.
- Candidates for Nominations Committee positions must be members in good standing of the PMI Switzerland Chapter.
- Candidates for the Financial Auditor positions must be members in good standing of the Chapter and must have the necessary financial and bookkeeping background to be able to perform the year-end audit of the Chapter financial records.

Please note that candidates seeking re-election must also apply and submit a Nomination Form according to the procedure.

- The voting will take place, as in previous years, on-line via the PMI Switzerland Chapter website.
- The election site with a list of all nominees will be published on Monday, 5 January 2009, and will remain open through Sunday, 18 January 2009.
- The results of the election will be announced at the Annual Members Meeting in January and on the PMI Switzerland Chapter website.

The Nominations Committee would like to encourage all members of the PMI Switzerland Chapter to consider a nomination as this is an excellent opportunity to become more involved with your Chapter.

The following documents (available on the PMI Switzerland Chapter website) provide you with additional information:

- PMI Switzerland Chapter Bylaws: <http://www.pmi-switzerland.ch/amm05/bylaws2005.pdf>
- A short description of the roles & responsibilities of each board position: [http://www.pmi-switzerland.ch/amm05/pmich\\_bod\\_rolen2005.pdf](http://www.pmi-switzerland.ch/amm05/pmich_bod_rolen2005.pdf)

For more information, please contact the Nominations Committee at [elections@pmi-switzerland.ch](mailto:elections@pmi-switzerland.ch).

Looking forward to hearing from you!

*The PMI Switzerland Chapter Nominations Committee*  
 Nhora Barrera, MSPM  
 Erhard Zingg, PMP

## CHAPTER EVENTS

Speaker	Theme	Date	Venue
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### Project Manager Assessment: would you pass the test?



Putting project managers through their paces - assessment centres and other evaluation systems for project managers

A skilled project manager is key to delivering projects within scope, on time and in budget. Costs are ever increasing, and the failure of a major project can be a financial disaster. So how do you assess whether you, or possibly your team, measure up to today's demands on a project managers' skills, from time management to conflict resolution? Assessment centres are the solution, from evaluating current skill levels to identifying future potential.

Monday 01.12.2008

Opfikon-Glattbrugg



### Risk Management Methodology Implementation at SITA

As for any change management program, developing a "Risk Management" methodology is only the tip of the iceberg... the challenge comes from the implementation side. This presentation provides a "lessons learned" perspective on how to implement a Risk Management culture in a Risk adverse environment.

- Which phases need to be considered when deploying such a program?
- What are the traps to avoid in each of those phases?
- What tips can help them achieve a successful implementation

Thursday  
04.12.2008

Geneva

### Beschenken Sie sich selbst zu Nikolaus: Lernen Sie Ihre PM Kompetenzen objektiv kennen!

Am 06.12., pünktlich zu Nikolaus, lädt Sie das PMI Chapter Switzerland zu einem Workshop ein, der es Ihnen ermöglicht, Ihre PM Kompetenzen auf der Basis von IIL's innovativen 360° Competency Model zu messen. Als persönliches Ergebnis erhalten Sie Einsichten in Ihre Stärken und Verbesserungspotenziale und können diese Informationen gezielt zur Beschleunigung Ihrer Karriere verwenden. Welche Entwicklungsprogramme unterstützen mich? Steuern Sie Ihren persönlichen Erfolg aktiv! Dieser Workshop schafft Ihr persönliches Fundament.

Der Workshop wird eine Mischung aus Impulsvorträgen, Supervision und Coaching sein.



Der Event wird im Raum Zürich stattfinden, ca. von 10:00 bis 17:00 dauern und CHF 420.- kosten. Wer zur Veranstaltung einen Eventvoucher des PMI Chapters mitbringt erhält CHF 30.- zurück.

Saturday 06.12.2008

Zürich

Dies ist eine sehr günstige Gelegenheit, da der Event vom Chapter finanziell unterstützt wird. Vergleichbare Veranstaltungen kosten normalerweise um die CHF 1000.- !

Als PMP erhalten Sie 5.5 PDUs.

This event is generously sponsored by IIL Germany



## Annual Members Meeting / Project Management XXL - new Airport Berlin Brandenburg Int.

The PMI Switzerland Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting to announce the results of the Chapter Elections and introduce the Chapter Officers for 2009 (ballots will be submitted electronically in the first half of January 2009). The Board of Directors will also present a look back at the past year and present the outlook for 2009.

**Key Note Speaker:** Mr. Christian Manninger, General Manager BBI Project  
The **Airport Berlin Brandenburg International BBI** project has a budget of 2.8 billion € and is currently one of Europe's largest construction projects. The airport is built for an initial capacity of 25 million passengers / year and is scheduled to open in 2011, after a project duration of only 5 years. Mr Manninger will give us an exclusive insight into this fascinating and ambitious project.



### Agenda

- 17:30 Welcome Coffee and Networking
- 18:00-19:00 Welcome by the iimt / Presentation Project Management XXL
- 19:00-20:00 Annual Members Meeting
  - Welcome and President's Message
  - 2008 Financial Report
  - Discharge of the Chapter Officers
  - eBalloting Election Results
  - Outlook for 2009
  - Q&A
- 20:00- 21:30 Networking Buffet

This event is generously hosted by iimt - International Institute of Management in Technology



Monday 19.01.2009

Fribourg

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Call for Questions to BoD Candidates

By *Chapters Nominations Committee*

Any burning question you would like to ask to a member of the Board of Directors who stands for reelection? Would you like to ask about the views of potential new BoD members? This is your chance to get to know the candidates and what they think a little bit better before casting your vote.

The Nominations Committee calls on you to post your questions to the candidates for a Board of Directors position. Five (5) questions will be selected and the answers from each candidate will be published together with the candidate's election profile.

Each of the selected questions will be rewarded with an event voucher of CHF 30.

Please submit your questions to the Nominations Committee at [elections@pmi-switzerland.ch](mailto:elections@pmi-switzerland.ch) no later than Friday, 12 December 2008.

### PMI Switzerland Chapter - Membership Status and Update as of Oct 31st 2008

By *Roger Dixon, VP Members*

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 30 new members, bringing the active membership to 896 as of October 31st.

Congratulations also to our 4 chapter members who obtained their PMP/CAPM certification in October 2008 (*by certification date*):

Joerg J HoehI, Marc Ingold, Bertrand Leopold & Emile Muller.

The PMI Switzerland Chapter board representatives and professional colleagues hope to meet you personally at one of our next **networking or training events**.

## Event Report: Project Management Training Forum 2008

By Richard Fakesch, PMTF Volunteer

The first Project Management Training Forum organized by the PMI Switzerland Chapter and the spm (Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Projektmanagement), took place on Tuesday October 28, 2008 at the Technopark Zürich.

Over 200 participants had the opportunity to compose their own training program by selecting up to 3 training sessions from the 15 offered.

The trainers came from the best-known Project Management Training Institutes active in Switzerland. The training sessions were practically oriented and interactive, with many exercises and questions. Three sessions were offered in English.

The participants also had a choice of 12 presentations on products and services offered in parallel to the training sessions:

- Well-known Project Management Tools
- Innovative Learning Styles
- Certification for Project Managers according to PMI and IPMA Norm

The participant feedback was mostly positive, and all of them showed a big interest for the two keynotes from international experts at the beginning and end of the Training Forum.

In the first keynote Peter Teuscher, Director of BLS AlpTransit AG, proposed in his animated subject: „A look into the project management kitchen of the Lötschberg-Basis Tunnel“ consolidated findings from the management of Switzerland's biggest project. It contained 2060 contracts and was delivered to the operating company after 7 years of realization and, impressively, to a delivery date missed by only two weeks.

In the afternoon Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Kottnik, University of Mannheim, gave with his keynote subject “The Way to Conduct Successful Product Development Projects in Time of Globalization” an overview on the actual challenges of products and projects. He highlighted the future perspectives for project management.

During the breaks the Forum's participants took the opportunity to visit the exhibition area with 20 selected companies and two bookstores in the hall of the Technopark, to discuss about the newest project management trends and products, about books, tools and professional development. They had also the possibility to exchange ideas and for networking with colleagues and other participants.

This Training Forum is unique in Zurich. It sets a standard and introduces the start of a new way of professional development in project management for the future years ahead.



## Volunteers Training Report

By Bernard Roduit, VP Communication

On November 11th in Bern, a group of PMI Switzerland Chapter volunteers leaders attended a training on « How to manage large teams of volunteers ». The workshop format, the excellent facilitation by an external specialist, and the motivation of the team allowed to identify concrete proposals and ideas to improve organizational aspects and motivation factors. Earlier this year, a « Presentation skills for volunteers leaders » training, focused on the regional event committee, took place in Lausanne.

As we are approaching the thousand members mark, it becomes very important that our volunteer teams, from the event welcome desk to the web site management or any other specific committee, deliver professional services and consistent value to members, the profession and any other interested parties. If you want to take an active stake in the PMI Switzerland Chapter, please register on our [volunteering page](#).



## Region 8 Meeting in Geneva

By *Bernard Roduit*, VP Communication

Organized by the EMEA Mentors with the help of the PMI Switzerland Chapter, the third region 8 meeting took place in Geneva the week-end of November 8. This meeting bring together board members of the EMA region to share experience and best practices, to have first hand information on PMI new initiatives, and also to report on challenges or issues and find suitable solutions.


12 European countries were represented this year. On The Saturday evening, all participants shared a nice cheese fondue and a good time. In a few instances for the first time! The event has been sponsored in part by the PMI Switzerland Chapter and by STS SA, one of our regular sponsor.

Picture: from left to right, the PMI EMEA Centre, Northern Italy Chapter, Ile-de-France Chapter and Luxembourg Section participants.




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