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From the Editor

Thanks to the summer period, for most of us it's the right time to look back at our achievements, to verify how well we met our objectives and to think on how we can improve, change, evolve. Why not take advantage of such a quiet period to include some learning?

This month we provide to our members a great portfolio of learning and networking opportunities to include in your agenda. **In August** for instance, our new **Basel** Events Team - *all are Chapter Volunteers and busy Professionals* - has organized an exciting event on **Leadership**. We are proud of this milestone, it brings significant added value for our members in NW Switzerland. We are now looking to our next potential region, the Bern-Fribourg area. Please [let us know](#) if you want to become involved.

In our Webinars selection section, we encourage you to test a new way of learning: **Virtual Events**. These webinars are live sessions, where you can ask questions and interact. Fees are quite reasonable considering the quality and reputation of the speakers and you can collect additional PDU to maintain your PMP® or PgMP® certification.

Why not take some time to read, another pleasant way to have fresh ideas and learn? Of course we can improve our skills in program or portfolio management, thanks to the PMI bookstore offer; but the summer period is also a good period to develop leadership skills or broaden our expertise in a more general sense. Should you need reading suggestions? Consider our new **My Library** section. Please let us know what you think.

Did you know that **volunteering** is also an exciting way to learn? Being involved in the community brings stronger relationships, experience sharing and knowledge transfer. On a more personal perspective, it's also rewarding and fun. As a Chapter member, please consider our [open positions](#) or just [contact our VP Members](#) for more information.

Finally the **Project Management Training Forum 2009** dedicated site is now on-line! You can already [start scheduling your fall training program](#) (in German or English) and benefit from the early bird discount.

Happy learning!
Your Editor

Next Chapter Events:



Mr. Heinz
Kaegi

Wanted: Leaders from hard work to heart work

Special event in English: the seven laws of leadership. In the context of the actual economy, many executive boards and managers are now facing multiple challenges - simultaneously.

Pushing through cost cutting programs meanwhile achieving higher impact in the markets. Limiting team resources and increasing performance. Dealing with frustrations and fears, still producing credible forward movement.

Mr. **Heinz Kaegi**, leadership mentor and best seller author, will point out and discuss the seven laws of leadership, imparting his knowledge to facilitate individual and successful application and practical take home messages. [More...](#)

**August 20
Basel**

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	Project Management Training in Switzerland:	
	Negotiation Skills for Project Managers 9-11 September in Basel, 22.5 PDUs Scheduling and Cost Control 21-24 September in Basel, 28 PDUs	

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Mr. Andrew Sadler

How product and project portfolio is managed in a leading research driven Biopharmaceutical company

Special event in English: our evening event speaker, Mr. Andrew Sadler, Portfolio Manager at Ferring will take us through how a product is invented, how it is going through the entire life cycle through the FDA and related approvals, different political conflicts and nature before being available in the Market to launch the product.

Sept. 3
Saint-Prex
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Mr. Andrew Sadler will also present the various stakeholders in the process and the different elements affecting the whole process through live examples. He will also provide the audience with the concepts of project and portfolio management used at Ferring to manage the whole life cycle effectively and efficiently.

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Mr. Richard Basque

How does CMMI Implementation affect a global project and Project Managers?

Special event in English: have fun and learn at the same time how CMMI© could enlighten your day. Spend a few hours to follow Paul, a senior project manager working in a system development organization that institutionalized the best practices of CMMI up to maturity level 3 and, with that initiative, changed Paul's life.

Oct. 1
Fribourg

Hosted

Compare your own project management practices with the ones that Paul follows when piloting his major system development project.

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Mr. Fredrik Härén

In collaboration with the AIC



Are you doing enough to develop your business creativity?

Special event in English: The PMI Switzerland Chapter in cooperation with The [American International Club](#) of Geneva cordially invites you to an Exclusive Professional Program featuring Mr. **Fredrik Härén** Founder of [interesting.org](#), renowned writer and international speaker on business creativity.

Nov. 12
Geneva

Nov 16 in ZH
Nov 17 in BS
(registration opens soon)

The program focuses about the importance and value of new ideas. An inspiring and motivating talk that encourages **creativity and innovative thinking**. Many interesting examples are given and Fredrik interacts frequently with his audience.



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The purpose of this event is to help people understand how valuable it is to think in new ways – and how challenging this is to accomplish. Thank you to [HP](#) who hosts the event.

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15. September 2009 in Basel - Ein Termin, der Ihre Projekte voranbringt

In Zeiten, die in immer kürzeren Intervallen nach Anpassungen der Produktpalette, der Betriebsorganisation oder der Infrastruktur verlangen, kann professionelles Projektmanagement zu einem entscheidenden Wettbewerbsvorteil werden. Möchten Sie sich und Ihrer Unternehmung diesen Vorsprung verschaffen? Wir freuen uns, Sie mit unserem Kongress dabei zu unterstützen.

Erklären Sie den **15. September 2009** zum Weiterbildungstag und besuchen Sie - am besten gemeinsam mit Ihrem Projektteam - die Vorträge und Workshops zum Thema **Projektmanagement für Praktiker**. Lassen Sie sich vom Fachwissen und der Erfahrung unserer qualifizierten Referenten inspirieren, um Ihre aktuellen und künftigen Projekte noch erfolgreicher zu Ende zu bringen, ganz nach unserem Motto '**zuhören > mitmachen > umsetzen**'. Besuchen Sie unsere [Homepage](#) und informieren Sie sich über das geplante Programm. Die Detailbeschreibung der Referate, Workshops und Referenten sowie das Anmeldeformular für unseren Kongress stehen dort zur Verfügung.

Beim Besuch der Ausstellung, während der Pausen und beim abschliessenden Apéro haben Sie zudem reichlich Gelegenheit zum persönlichen Gespräch mit den Referenten oder zum Gedankenaustausch mit einem sachkundigen Publikum. Wir freuen uns, Ihnen dank unserer Sponsoren den Kongressbesuch inkl. Verpflegung zum attraktiven Preis von **CHF 150.00** offerieren zu dürfen.

Do You PgMP?

As the summer kicks off and the weather looks set to stay fine, we want to take advantage of the warmth to offer an informal relax [networking and BBQ event](#) for all PMI® and PMI Switzerland Chapter members, especially those who are considering or wishing to pass the **PgMP® certification**.

PMI and non-PMI members have grumbled extensively about the small amount of information made available on the PgMP certification and how to prepare for it. We now have the pleasure of inviting *Yannick Le Pogam*, the first PgMP certified in Switzerland (2008) and *Marc Burlereaux* who is currently preparing his PgMP certification (to take in July 2009) to be the **guest speakers** at our BBQ August event.

Both *Yannick* and *Marc* will be happy to hold interactive sessions with participants to share their experience, which will include exam preparation, main objectives and benefits of the PgMP certification.

The PgMP certification demonstrates experience, skills and performance in oversight of multiple related projects that are aligned with an organizational strategy. Program managers holding the PgMP certifications are recognized as:

- Responsible for achieving an organizational objective by overseeing a program that consists of multiple projects
- Define, initiate and assign project managers to manage cost, schedule and performance
- Maintain alignment of program scope with strategic business objectives

Date: Thursday, 13 August 2009

Time: 18h00

Location: Aubonne

Please [register early](#) as seats are limited to 25 participants!





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October 22nd, 2009
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Project Management Training Forum 2009

The **Project Management Training Forum** is the joint flagship event of the [PMI Switzerland Chapter](#) and the [spm - Swiss Project Management Association](#). A high-value and efficient training in project management.

It offers an individualized selection of top-notch training modules. Excellent participation numbers and satisfaction ratings make the forum the annual highlight and meeting place for project managers who seek professional development.

- Selected top trainers from Switzerland, Austria and Germany with around 20 training modules in German and English across all aspects of project management
- The Forum is opened and closed with practice-oriented keynote presentations by internationally acclaimed speakers
- The event is accompanied by a comprehensive exhibition of service providers and presentations on the latest products and services

Discover our new and attractive program!

NEW: *Project Networking Lounge* to conclude the day - make new contacts and exchange experiences.

For details and registration see www.pm-training-forum.ch.

As we are non-profit organizations, the Project Management Training Forum is offered at a very moderate price. Take advantage of the **early bird discount of 100 CHF!**

My Summer Library

This new section presents a subjective **books selection**, either recommended by Chapter members or chosen by the editor team. Exploring new fields, confronting ideas, understanding new trend, moving from a good to a great project or program manager are the underlining factors to encourage investing more time reading and learning.

[Good to Great](#): Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't (Jim Collins)

[Working with Emotional Intelligence](#) (Daniel Goleman)

[The Tipping Point](#): How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference (Malcolm Gladwell)

[Getting Things Done](#): The Art of Stress-Free Productivity (David Allen)

If you had a good recent experience, please [send us your recommendations](#) so we can share them with the Swiss PM community.

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Advance Summer Workshop for Project Managers

Thanks to **Dani Rey**'s success in a recent Chapter event, the Zürich Local Events Committee (LEC) has organized a three evening's professional workshop-training, tailored for experienced project managers and dealing with **conflicts in projects**, at a very attracting price.

Place are limited to maximum **15 participants** and the workshop language is **German**.

The workshop is also open to non-members within the capacity available, so [please register early](#) if you want to take advantage of this unique training opportunity.

Dates: Aug 20 – Sept 8 – Oct 1 **Time:** 17h00-20h00

Please [register early](#) as seats are limited to 15 participants!



Summer Webinars Selection

This month we focus on a different type of webinars: **virtual events**. For busy practitioners, this format becomes a convenient way to gain new knowledge and expertise. Those events are live, meaning ad-hoc interaction with the presenter or speaker is possible. PMI members usually benefit of a **special discount**. However, please check for any specific hardware/software requirement before registering.

1. The **IIL Virtual Learning Summit: People, Processes, and Projects** is an invaluable opportunity for professionals to examine and create dialogue with IIL's globally-recognized experts on the role project management will play as a discipline and strategic business tool in the 21st century.

This **six-hour virtual event** costs USD 275.- for PMI members and will earn 6 PDUs. If you need a formal invoice to your company address, instead of registering on-line, you can send a [confirmation mail to IIL Germany](#) with your session preference. IIL's team will bill you in Euro (EUR 195.-), take care of the registration process for you and of course send you a confirmation with all details.

2. The **PMI Metrics SIG** provides an impressive list of recorded Webinars at a very attractive price. As instance, 16 different webinars are addressing [PMO and Measurements](#). The full webinars list and more details are available [on their site](#).

3. In our free webinar series, this **Microsoft** site offers a collection of resources, templates and training on planning, tracking, analyzing and communicating with Microsoft Office Project: www.easierwithproject.com.

4. **ESI International** also provides a collection of relevant (free) [on-demand webinars](#) that you may consider.

Should you take advantage of such partners' offers, we would like to hear from you. Please take a minute to [send us your feedback](#), especially on the convenience, quality and value. Thank you.



Opportunities to contribute

The PMI Switzerland Chapter is looking for more **companies** to host regional events or to help their organization by contributing to the networking cocktail expenses.

A new **event sponsoring flier** is available, presenting the options and the key benefits. Please [contact our VP Events or our Regional Events Directors](#) for more information.

Congratulations to **TenStep Central Europe GmbH** in Spreitenbach, who just became one of our Gold Sponsors! Please check our [partners list](#) for more information on the company and its range of services for PM professionals.



From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last May, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 24 new members, bringing the active membership to **986** as of May 31st.

Congratulations also to our 32 Chapter members who obtained their PMP/CAPM certification in April or May 2009 (by certification date):

Christophe Frédéric Berney, Karsten Brandt, Lionel Cau, Deepak Chowfla, Joerg Doerper, Eli Fumoto, Fausto Grelli, Andres Maurer, Jens-Ole Petersen, Zoran Veljkovic, Jörg Kaufmann, Karine Cabourg, Angel Contreras, Jeremy Cottino, Roger Dietrich, Marcel Eberhard, James A. Greene, Kai Halbach, Stanka Kokanovic, Annette Lehmann, Hongtao Li, Sébastien Nakle, Brice Revol, Fabrice Siess, Ezra Stein, Csaba Toth, Nicolas Ulibarri, Allan Vikstroem, Oliver Wagner, Thomas Wilhelm, Patricia Frochoux and Céline Janvier.

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



New PMI Practice Standard for Project Risk Management

The [Practice Standard for Project Risk Management](#) provides a benchmark for the project management profession that defines the aspects of Project Risk Management that are recognized as good practice on most projects most of the time.

The *Practice Standard for Project Risk Management* covers risk management as it is applied to single projects only. It does not cover risk in programs or portfolios. This practice standard is consistent with *A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)—Fourth Edition* and is aligned with other PMI practice standards.

Different projects, organizations and situations require a variety of approaches to risk management and there are several specific ways to conduct risk management that are in agreement with principles of Project Risk Management as presented in this practice standard.

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