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From the Editor

Before your preferred association enters into a new year of successes and challenges, let's have a look back on the key 2009 achievements and recognize our volunteers and colleagues who bring a significant share of our membership value. In 2009 **more than 60 volunteers** got involved in the various teams and committees, a lot or a little, according to their availability and passion. Thank you to all of them and why not consider participating at the January AMM to meet most of them and also, why not, join the leadership team? There is not only work but a lot of fun and friendship included.

Did you know that we held **17 regional events** this year with more than **800 attendees**? In addition we co-organized the *Congrès du Management de Projet* with the [SMP](#) and the *PM Training Forum* with the [SPM](#), another close to 600 participants overall. Topics included CMMI, RISK management, resource management, portfolio management, leadership, stakeholder management, creativity and soft skills such as speaking in public, conflict management and competencies for project management:

- For the first time in 2009, events have been organized in **Basel** (3) and will continue to expand into 2010. Thanks to the volunteers team led by *Sascha* in finding the topics, the speakers, the locations, the sponsors and in getting the region mobilized around the PMI community.
- In **Zürich**, after *Béatrice* stepped down from her leadership role due to conflicting priorities, the volunteers' team collectively took up the challenge to keep the ambitious program on track and successfully delivered the remaining four events. Please consider their [new exciting January 27 event](#)
- In the **Romandie**, the volunteers' team led by *Velan*, cruising between Lausanne, Geneva or Fribourg, managed a healthy 10 events program. For the first time during summer, the team proposed a less formal "get together" event, sharing and learning on PgMP effort and certification. [The first three 2010 events](#) are already on track to be put in your agenda.

We owe a big thank you to our guest speakers for their availability and the high quality of their presentations, to our hosts and sponsors who contribute to developing and enhancing our event program and financing our much appreciated networking moments. We hope to see them again in 2010.

Collaboration and partnership with other associations, academic institutions or specific corporations bring new perspectives and opportunities to develop and share best practices and knowledge and, medium to long term, strengthen research and expertise in project management in Switzerland. For example, the partnership with the [iimt](#) supported selected students writing their theses and offered the opportunity to present PMI standards and certifications in the PM curriculum and post grad program.

Still on the learning front, the list of [Swiss REPs](#) is growing significantly, demonstrating the significant interest for PMI standards and certifications in Switzerland. Did you know that since March 2009, your members' vouchers are also valid for most of our REPs training?

Finally, in conclusion, a few words from Martin, our chapter President:

"As communicated through the PMI Today magazine, each PMI chapter is now reporting against a defined set of service level requirements to harmonize membership value worldwide. When completing the 2009 report, I was very pleased to see that the PMI Switzerland Chapter not only meets but exceeds those requirements in almost any area. For example, the chapter provided members with 52 PDU's worth of learning events in 2009 while the minimum expected by PMI is 16.

Feedback from PMI also tells us that we are recognized as one of the "exemplary chapter" in the EMEA region. This makes us very proud of course, but it's only possible thanks to our volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to make it happen. In the name of the chapter board, I would like to thank them for their continuous efforts. I also take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy Holiday's Season and a successful 2010."

Happy learning!
Your Editor



Next Chapter Events, mark your agenda:



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**2010 THE
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Microsoft Project 2010 special event and Chapter AMM

Special event in English: The PMI Switzerland Chapter will hold its [Annual Members Meeting](#) (the association general assembly) on Thursday, **January 21st, 2010 in Wallisellen** (ZH). Please mark you agenda for this great event that will also celebrates our recent 1000 members mark and thanks our teams of volunteers.

Jan 21, 2010
Wallisellen

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The event is generously hosted and sponsored by Microsoft Switzerland who will present the brand new features and improvements of their [Project 2010 Family](#) of solutions for businesses. There are also great new [server features](#), including portfolio management. [This blog](#) offers interesting discussions which will allow you to prepare any questions.

The *draft agenda* is as follows:

16h00-16h30 Welcome and registration

16h30-18h00 Microsoft presentations and Q&A

18h00-19h30 Annual Members Meeting

- President's message
- 2009 financial report
- Discharge of the chapter officers
- Vote on updated bylaws
- Election results and volunteer of the year
- Outlook for 2010, priorities and initiatives
- Q&A, suggestions

19h30- 21h00 Networking buffet and discussions

Only members can discharge the chapter officers or vote. However, the PMI Switzerland Chapter AMM is open to all Microsoft event participants or the public. [Registration](#) is required.



Mr. Philipp
Schlatter

"Conquering Mount Everest creates an almost unbearable emotional intensity"

Special event in English: Most of you are familiar with the TV images. Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain at 8848m, holds a powerful fascination and attraction for many alpinists. However, climbing Mount Everest is hugely challenging, even with the aid of oxygen, and not all mountaineers reach the summit. Some even pay the ultimate price.

Jan 27, 2010
Zürich

Hosted

1.5PDU

But for **Phillip Schlatter**, climbing an 8000m high mountain is the challenge of succeeding. The alpinist from Niederweningen carefully and meticulously prepared for six months to tackle the summit. His presentation will give us a deep insight into his personal and group's project management, group dynamics and the ability to plan success.

Agenda:

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| 18:00 | Door opening |
| 18:30 | Presentation |
| 20:15 | Q & A |
| 20:30 | Apero and Networking |

[More details and registration](#) are available on-line.



Project and Program Management in OLYMPICS

Do you wonder at any point of time, what it would be like to organize the greatest and largest sporting event in the world - The Olympics? How much program management is going on into making an Olympics?

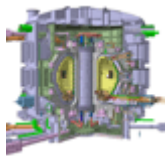
Pascal Wattiaux a senior program manager working directly in organizing the OLYMPICS has graciously agreed to present us the complexity of the organization and project management.

[Registration is now open](#); even so the exact location in the city is not yet defined.

Feb 4, 2010

Lausanne

1.5PDU



Planning and Controlling in a Mega Nuclear Innovation Project

How to manage a project with more than 10'000 work packages? How to plan and control a 10 billions Euros R&D project with a methodology based on the PMI PMBOK®?

ITER is one of the world's largest international scientific experiments, an undertaking that aims at demonstrating that it is possible to produce commercial energy from nuclear fusion. It is supported by 7 parties (China, European Union, India, Japan, Korea, Russia, USA). After 20 years of basic research and design work, the ITER site in France is being built since 2008. If all goes well, it will lead nuclear fusion into its industrial era, beginning operations in the early 2020s, and putting fusion power into the grid as early as 2040.

As the European leader in consulting, Altran is providing high talented individuals to the project. **Mr Nenne Jakvik**, Altran Consultant and Project Control Manager at ITER, is in charge of project management for the transversal Project Oversight & Support activities. He is pleased to present his work on the project, and to describe the methodology used to manage such a gigantic and innovative project. [Registration is open.](#)

Mar 4, 2010

Lausanne

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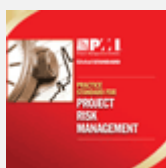
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"Make a deal" with the PMI Switzerland Chapter book of the month

All the books we feature on the chapter site are featured because we think they deserve to stand out from the crowd of the many of other titles published by PMI. [The chapter bookstore](#) is available to chapter members only, for individual use.

Sometimes in a month, we wish to give that little bit more emphasis to a title and to make it the 'Book of the Month' at an attractive price. In December only, the new **'Practice Standard for Project Risk Management'** [is offered at CHF 45.-](#) instead of CHF 55.-. Please hurry-up as the offer is only valid until the stock runs out.





Mr. Fredrik Härén

A Swiss Première for the Project Management Day 2009

This year, the chapter board decided to celebrate the Project Management International Day with a special event and your regional volunteers teams embarked on a 3 evenings "marathon" in Switzerland with our guest speaker **Fredrik Härén**. By the way, we noticed a healthy Chapter President who participated to all the three events!

The first stop was hosted at HP Geneva and co organised with AIC, it was pouring rain outside and we admired the 100 participants getting on wet roads to attend. We started all to get energised by a great speak mobilising our creativity. Also the networking with AIC, HP employees and PMI members was much appreciated.

The second stop was hosted at PartnerRe in Zurich with 80 participants from our host project management team and PMI attendants, another exciting moment.

Finally the last stop was at Roche Training Center in Basel with 50 participants and the help of our sponsor STS. An excellent result for the new regional team.

Fredrik gave a dynamic and enthusiastic presentation on *Creativity and Innovation*. During his active presentation, he stated the importance of developing of such particular set of skills in our daily business life. He defined creativity as "*having the ability to combine existing notions and concepts into a new pattern or a new combination, giving birth to a totally innovative concept or idea*". Fredrik also challenged the audience to reconsider the way we perceive *developed* and *developing* countries, the way we are interacting with other cultures and how we have to *open our minds* to foster our capability to innovate.

Fredrik succeed in energizing the PMI Switzerland Chapter audience as he did at the PMI Leadership Institute Meeting (LIM) in Amsterdam and in Orlando earlier this year. The events feedback showed we were able to meet your expectations globally (overall rating of 8.61/10 –and speaker rating of 9.05/10). Thank you for taking the time to send us your valuable feedback.

*Fredrick is a Swedish entrepreneur, publisher and author who lives in Singapore. He is the founder of interesting.org, and has been invited to speak on creativity in over 1000 sessions in more than 30 countries. Fredrik has written a total of 7 books. His next book, *The Developing World*, will be published in English later this year.*

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Last chance to ask your questions to the candidates for the Board election

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

The PMI Switzerland Chapter Nominations Committee calls on you to send 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 in January.

The sender of each of the five 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 no later than Friday, **December 11th, 2009**.



PMI Chapter Officer Elections 2010

by the PMI Switzerland Chapter Nominations Committee

The year 2009 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 2010. The board for 2010 will be constituted of eight officers.

For half of the Chapter's Board of Directors their 2 years term will end, including:

- Martin Härri, PMP, President
- Bernard Roduit, VP Marketing & Communication (President deputy)
- Serge Medic, PMP, VP Finance and
- Roger Dixon, PMP, VP Operations

As well as for the one year term of the:

- Nominations Committee, Nhora Barrera, MSPM and Erhard Zingg, PMP, and
- Financial Auditing Committee, Keith Smith, PMP and Roland Hiltbold, PMP

The terms of Elisabeth Weber, PMP, VP Events, Thierry Labriet, PMP, VP Members and Rüdiger Geist, PMP, VP Education & Certification will continue in 2010.

After 5 years on the Board of Directors, Serge Medic has decided not to renew his candidacy while Jonathan Marocco stepped down in mid-term. Martin Härri, Bernard Roduit and Roger Dixon have decided to stand for re-election.

The election procedure will be in accordance with the [PMI Switzerland Chapter bylaws](#), namely Article III, Section 3, Article IV, Section 1, Article V and Article VI. As in the previous year, all candidates will be listed together. The membership will be asked this year to vote for five (5) candidates for the Board of Directors, plus two (2) candidates for the Nominations Committee and two (2) candidates for the Financial Auditing Committee. 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.

Officers positions - Call for candidates

If you would like to become a member of the PMI Switzerland Chapter *Board of Directors*, *Nominations Committee* or *Financial Auditing Committee*, please download the "[Chapter Officer Nomination Form](#)", complete and send it to the Nominations Committee at elections@pmi-switzerland.ch. The due date for submitting your application is **Friday, 11 December 2009**. Please note that candidates seeking re-election must also apply and submit a *Nomination Form* according to the procedure.

Candidates for the Board of Directors positions must be members in good standing of the PMI Switzerland Chapter, and must have participated for at least 6 months 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 Auditing Committee 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.

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, 4 January 2010, and will remain open through Sunday, 17 January 2010. 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 encourages all active members of the PMI Switzerland Chapter to consider applying as this is an excellent opportunity to become more involved with your community. For more information, please contact the Nominations Committee at elections@pmi-switzerland.ch.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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





Project Management Award – Last chance to participate (European and North Africa French speaking countries only)

Initiated by the SMP (Société suisse de Management de Projet) and the PMI Switzerland Chapter, the “**Prix de l'innovation en management de projet**” has been created to highlight and encourage innovative and exceptionally managed projects within selected French speaking countries.

The CHF 5'000.- first prize will reward a project manager and his or her project team. The award is open to individuals or to SMB and start-up companies who designed and carried-out projects in line with the key recommendations of PMI, IPMA or other best practices guides and standards.

Please refer to the “[Règlement de participation](#)” for the general conditions and the application process. Should you want to participate, please bear in mind that the deadline to provide the [pre-selection information](#) (in French) is **December 15, 2009**.

The PMI Switzerland Chapter encourages its members, who comply with the award participation conditions, to apply for this unique opportunity to be recognized for more professionalism and innovation in project management.

From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 26 new members, bringing the active membership to **1011** as of October 31th.

Congratulations also to our 10 chapter members who obtained their PMP certification in October 2009 (by certification date):

Martin Abele, Yves Barraud, Jean-Paul Belgeri, Michael Enck, Marius Istode, Reinout Korbee, Ruggero Milanese, Jose Israel Morales Aranda, Urs Rindisbacher and Philip Townsend

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



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