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From the Editor

Welcome to 2010! To build on our respected members' New Year wishes and resolutions, our volunteers' teams have prepared an exciting events program to start 2010 full of energy. We encourage you to participate actively to those great learning and networking opportunities. [Please check our 2010 Chapter calendar](#) on a regular basis and don't forget to bring your personal vouchers.

January is also the time to elect your representatives to the Chapter Board, the Nominations Committee and the Financial Auditing Committee. Starting today, the [electronic ballot is open](#) to members and we strongly encourage each of you to take a few minutes to renew your confidence or to select the candidates who will represent your interests in the association leadership for the next couple of years.

Candidates' profile, statement and answers to the winning members' questions are published on-line for your review and consideration. Please do not forget to also accept the updated bylaws when casting your vote.

The results will be announced at the [10th AMM on January 21st in Wallisellen](#). Combined with a presentation of the brand new version of MS-Project 2010, this event is a unique opportunity to network with the most active volunteers and members, to share your suggestions, to have your burning questions publicly answered and to celebrate our success together.

All PMI Switzerland Chapter officers and volunteers are looking forward to a new year of confidence, success, fun and passion sharing.

Happy learning!
Your Editor

Next Chapter Events, mark your agenda:



MS-Project 2010 Family

Followed by:



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 also celebrates our recent 1000 members mark and thanks our volunteers' teams.

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.

- 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 and election results*
 - *Volunteer of the year award*
 - *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.

Jan 21, 2010
Wallisellen

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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.

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.

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

Jan 27, 2010

Dübendorf

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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

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Quick Wins from Virtual Teams

Virtual Teams have been getting more common recently, particularly in the IT industry. This development has been accelerated by general access to broadband internet for professionals, whether travelling or in the (home) office. Even in developed countries including Switzerland, coverage reached 20% only in the last two years.

When implementing Virtual Teamwork methods, both management and technology concerns need to be balanced for maximum benefit. This workshop reviews key management issues and highlights how to get some quick wins.

Our speaker, Dr. **Deasún Ó Conchúir**, PMP has been active in projects throughout his entire career, of which over three decades Project Management consultancy for scores of clients in four continents including Nestlé, Ericsson, Volvo, Novartis or the European Commission.

[More details and registration here.](#)

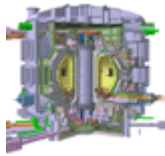
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Basel

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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® Guide?

Mar 4, 2010
Lausanne

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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 now open.](#)



Registration opens for the Congrès du Management de Projet

Once again, the "*Congrès du Management de Projet*" brings you a unique **training** opportunity during two very dense days at the beautiful **UNIL** campus in Lausanne-Dorigny.

Apr 7 & 8
Lausanne

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Program details and registration are now available on the [congress site](#) and we strongly suggest to register early, as seats are limited to ensure appropriate learning experience.

Until March 14, PMI Switzerland Chapter members benefit of a combined CHF 200.- discount.

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Very much appreciated last year, the networking dinner will take place on the evening of the 7th, while the "**Prix de l'innovation en management de projet**" will be awarded on the 8th.

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PMI Chapter Officer Elections 2010

by the PMI Switzerland Chapter Nominations Committee

[The PMI Switzerland Chapter Elections](#) are now open! All members in good standing as of November 30, 2009 are eligible to vote.

Election Procedure: 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 members will be asked 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 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.

Candidates: please be informed that three of the Board Members, namely Elisabeth Weber, PMP, Thierry Labriet, PMP, and Rüdiger Geist, PMP, are in the middle of their 2-year terms, and are not standing for re-election at this time.

Board of Directors (listed alphabetically): five (5) candidates will be elected to a two-year term ending in January 2012. Please check candidates' election statement on-line.

- Roger Dixon, PMP
- Werner Dorner
- Martin Hadinata, PMP
- Martin Härri, PMP
- Bernard Roduit
- Roch Schenk, PMP
- Sascha Wyss, PMP

Nominations Committee (listed alphabetically): only one candidate will be elected to a two-year term ending in January 2012 as the second position is currently vacant due to lack of applications. Please check candidate's election statement on-line.

- Erhard Zingg, PMP

Financial Auditing Committee (listed alphabetically): two candidates will be elected to a two-year term ending in January 2012. Please check election statement on-line.

- Roland Hiltpold, PMP
- Keith Smith, PMP

How to Vote: if you were a member in good standing as of November 30, 2009 (this is the last date for which we have the membership data from PMI GoC), you are eligible to vote in the 2010 Chapter Elections. Please visit www.pmi-switzerland.ch/elections/ and follow the instructions there. The election site will accept votes through to **Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 18.00h.**

Thank you for supporting the Chapter Officers and the election process!
For more information, please contact the [Nominations Committee](#).

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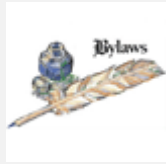


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Approval of the updated PMI Switzerland Chapter bylaws

Following the office move and to reflect current practice, the PMI Switzerland Chapter Board had our current bylaws reviewed by Emanuel Szloczower, the manager of our Chapter Office, who is also a lawyer specialized in associations. He confirmed that as far as he can tell, our current bylaws are in line with Swiss law and he suggested some minor adjustments. A review by the board also uncovered some points to be clarified. None of the changes affect the members' rights, or the chapter purpose. The changes made cover:

- *Change of the chapter location from Ramlinsburg to Bern*
- *Clear descriptions of chapter officer's denominations ("board", "elected and appointed chapter officers") and titles ("President", "Vice President")*
- *Automatic inclusion of a past president into the Nominations Committee*
- *Automatic inclusion of a past VP Finance into the Auditors Committee*

Bylaws updates must be approved by the association's membership and members in good standing will be asked to do so at the same time as the 2010 elections. Thank you for your participation.

"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.

Only in January 2010, the **PMBOK® Guide Third Edition** [German](#) and [French](#) translations are discounted at **CHF 20.-** each. Please hurry-up as the offer is only valid until the stock runs out. Should you need more than 3 books, [please contact the office](#).

From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 20 new members, bringing the active membership to **1010** as of November 30th.

Congratulations also to our 11 chapter members who obtained their PMP/CAPM certification in November 2009 (*by certification date*):

Seshadri Koduvayoor Ananthanarayanan, Ciprian Corodan, Martin Paul Gaskell, Sabrina Giovanna Waltraud Grassi, Marc Hollmann, Thierry Nicolet, Paolo Papetti, Christophe Quay-Thevenon, Martine Robyr, Michal Stolarski and Brigitte Goebel.

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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