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Editorial

Autumn celebration

Autumn has just started, leaving the summer behind. The shorter days and colder weather bring about a new landscape with new colours, reminding us that we can see the world around us with a new perspective. If this change is also leading you to contemplate old things with a new perspective, then why not take the opportunity to acquire new knowledge, meet new people, and build up new relations in our PMI network?

This season, PMI Switzerland Chapter volunteers have been like ants busily preparing for the oncoming winter in order to offer us a lot of opportunities to make new discoveries. Have a look at the event list in this newsletter; you will immediately understand what I mean. In it, you will find we have special events for Project Management in both Geneva and Zurich, plus much much more. What about a visit to the CERN? Are you interested in learning how to become a lazy Project Manager, or how to become a leader from your heart?

If the cooler weather and shorter days mean you find yourself more inclined to stay indoors, then no problem. We also have something for you! Scroll down and read the invitation from Dr. Deasún Ó Conchúir about a "crowdsourcing" experience. "Crowdsourcing" means having multiple people collaborating to a common project – completely new – completely IN!

With so much to do in the upcoming months, there is no time for a member of PMI Switzerland to regret the passing of summer! I look forward to seeing you at these activities.

Let's enjoy our autumn!

Michèle Richard, PMP

Director of Marketing and Communication
PMI Switzerland Chapter

Chapter events



Katy Foraz

CERN: Lessons learned from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) installation mega project

Wondering about the CERN's Huge project which is scheduled to find the God's particles that created man?

This exclusive presentation explores the role of managing and completing the installation activities of the LHC at CERN as a Mega Project. The LHC, with its 27 km, is the world's largest and highest-energy particle accelerator.

The presentation describes the schedule evolution through the lifetime of the project. It includes the analysis on how different factors have caused the major rescheduling and the role of control and follow up of the installation activities.

The speaker is **Mrs Katy Foraz**, one of the project managers working with CERN on this project. She is a member of PMI Switzerland and is the schedule officer for the LHC project from 2003. She has worked at CERN since 1993.

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October 7

Geneva

2 PDU

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*Susan Voight,
PMP*

Turning Problems into Possibilities through Emotional Intelligence

PMs work in an environment of rapidly changing social networks with limited power and authority, and yet they are responsible for mustering resources, meeting and managing diverse stakeholder needs and expectations, and analyzing complex issues and delivering top quality within short time periods. Making the right decisions, satisfying conflicting demands, and getting buy-in for the best of the project is no easy matter. To do so we must be able to use our full potential.

This presentation will look at what emotional intelligence is and more importantly 4 concrete steps you can take to start enhancing your EI immediately.

Susan Voight, PMP, is a project manager with over 20 years of experience in diverse fields like NGOs, publishing, and hi tech. She currently is a consultant and trainer for project management. She has held courses worldwide, teaching both the hard and soft skills necessary to manage projects effectively.

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Basel

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*Heinz Kaegi
Leadership
mentor and best
seller author*

Wanted: leaders from hard work to heart work

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.

Whoever strives to survive in the above circumstances will need to excel his reach by far.

- How to create credibility and alignment?
- How to orchestrate talents and values for peak performances?
- How to move from hardliner to become a heartliner?

Heinz will point out and discuss the seven laws of leadership, imparting his knowledge to facilitate individual and successful application and practical take home messages.

November 4

Lausanne

PDU

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Heinz Kaegi's core competence is systemic emPowerment for leaders and their teams. He is a former member of the executive board of a Swiss trade group, and has decades of experience with more than 1,000 development processes, seminars and speeches in Europe, Asia and the USA.

He published his first book "Wanted: Leaders – the seven laws of leadership" which became a "BILANZ" bestseller.

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2010 Project Management Days in Romandie



*Eugene Bounds,
Chairman of PMI
Board of
Directors*

Every year, more and more P. M. I. chapters organize a Project Management Day during November. The PMI Switzerland Chapter has organized a special conference, learning and networking event to mark the occasion.

Eugene Bounds, PMP®, Chairman of the PMI Board of Directors, who is coming from the US exclusively to meet members of the Swiss Project Management Community, will give to the audience an overview of the global perspective on Project Management, its Value and Future trends.



*Jim De Piante,
IBM executive
Project Manager*

After that, **Jim De Piante** will present his Project Management Compost concept. Career ladders are out. Compost piles are in. Come find out why. Leave with a new and refreshing view of career success and how to achieve it. Come hear poignant stories of career growth, death, decay and rebirth. Add to your pile.

[Register now](#)

Project Management Day Special Event in Zurich



*Peter Taylor,
author of "The
Lazy Project
Manager"*

Taking the opportunity of celebrating the International Project Management Day, the PMI Switzerland Chapter has organized a special conference, learning and networking event.

Coming especially from the US to meet members of the Swiss Project Management Community, **Eugene Bounds**, PMP®, Chairman of PMI Board of Directors will give to the audience an overview of the global perspective on Project Management, its Value and Future trends.

Peter Taylor will then present his concept and best selling book "The Lazy Project Manager" to the audience, giving a new insight and perspective about our roles and ways of practicing Project Management.

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**November
17**

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**November
18**

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Eugene Bounds,
Chairman of PMI
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*Peter Winter,
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Sector, Vice
Director*

FLORAKO - management of a large, complex high technology program

Switzerland is in charge of controlling the space with Europe's highest air traffic density.

The FLORAKO program successfully introduced a high performance air surveillance and management system with the objectives of establishing a common civil & military airspace control and a dynamic air traffic management. With the completion of FLORAKO, the Swiss air-force owns one of the world's most advanced air surveillance and operation control systems to accomplish its complex mission.

Large outline (1.2 billion CHF), complex technology, complex project structure with multiple stakeholders, civil and military standards combination, as well as very high safety-related and security-policy relevance are some catchwords of this program.

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**November
25**

Dübendorf

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*Michel Thiry,
PMP, MSc,
FAPM, PMI
Fellow*

2-day training on Program Management with Michel Thiry

Program management is fast developing as the essential link between strategy and projects and as a vehicle for organizational change. To boost your career opportunities in today's business environment, you need to be able to manage groups of projects with a common business purpose in an integrated and effective way.

Michel Thiry is an experienced program manager and consultant who will teach you practical applications of program management in various industries and domains. Michel will explain program management and demonstrate the need for program specific processes, an iterative life cycle as well as how to manage multiple stakeholders and their expected benefits.

This seminar is designed to anticipate and answer the questions concerning the establishment and practice of program management in your company. Michel will help you develop your proficiency in the management of four key program components: governance, decision management, stakeholder management and benefits management. He will help you develop your knowledge of particular techniques required for managing programs as well as the competencies and skills required from program managers through a step-by-step program process and a hands-on real-life case study.

Michel Thiry has over 35 years of global professional experience. He is recognized as an international speaker and as a worldwide authority in strategic applications of project, program and value.

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**January
18/19**

Zurich

15 PDU

Mutual Support Mechanisms for PMI Switzerland Chapter Members



By Deasún Ó Conchúir,
PMP

Since time immemorial, isolated communities have shared resources in order to survive. The wagon trains that are familiar from wild west films are an example. The only resources which settlers had were whatever they could transport, supplemented by whatever they could find or catch. Their chances were greatly improved by helping each other.

My sister in law's family in Canada arrived in Alberta by wagon train. They do not know where the family came from but tell of one incident they experienced where a neighbor's house caught fire during the night in winter. He ran all the way in a -40° C blizzard to another farmstead, shouting for help to rescue his family. Only after arriving did he realise that he had no clothes on at all.

This true story illustrates both the need for mutual support and the willingness of most people to give it. This point was emphasised at a recent networking seminar (11.9.2010 in Bern) for PMI Switzerland volunteers: most people are willing to help if they know what you need help with.

Anyone from a rural background will recognise this willingness. A practice still strong in Irish memory involved neighbouring farmers forming a meitheal, a working group to go from one farm to the next at times of high demand, such as at harvest or hay making time. Everybody who contributed also benefited.

Both knowing what your neighbours want and organisational structures to support such cooperation are weaker in cities. Because the IT community is close to the tools of electronic communication, it is not surprising that what is now called crowdsourcing emerged in the form of the Free Software Movement, established by Richard Stallman in the 1980s. You can hear him in person at the School of Computer and Communication Sciences at the EPFL in Lausanne on 8 November.

Crowdsourcing makes visible the need and establishes communication structures, so that a large number of contributors can execute a project. The well known Oxford English Dictionary started life in this way in the mid-nineteenth century. Suggestions for words for inclusion were contributed to the editors, who then reviewed and sorted them. Of course this is how our PMI Chapter operates, depending on the interest and involvement of over sixty volunteers.

The PMI Switzerland chapter now has well over a thousand members, representing a huge potential resource and variety of skills, knowledge and contacts. What is possible was illustrated by the requests through this newsletter for assistance from members with various language backgrounds to proofread my book "Overview of the PMBOK Guide". The purpose was to ensure that all of the text is simple to read and the response to the call was overwhelming, with over twenty PMP colleagues contributing. Again thanks to all! You are listed in the foreword of the book, which can be viewed in the internet. This number does not include those who kindly offered to participate but could not finally be available at the time.

In retrospect the conditions for crowdsourcing existed:

- an easily understood objective: proofread a book
- a pool of highly qualified colleagues: applicants for and holders of PMP
- a means of communication: this newsletter.

An important aspect was the personal pay-back of one sort or another for every person involved. The reasons varied and included gaining PDUs and being able to point out one's name in a book from a major publisher.

In the meantime, my next collaborative project is a Virtual Team Interface tool, for which the initial research has been carried out by a team under the guidance of Professor Juliana Sutanto at the ETH, Zürich. The volunteers benefit from an opportunity to broaden their professional activities into new areas and learning-by-doing about Virtual Teamwork. The project is carried out nearly 100% virtually, with participants in Switzerland, France,



Ireland, Brazil and (soon) China. The current phase also has a significant participation from PMI Switzerland colleagues.

In view of these developments, there is a growing awareness of a great opportunity for cooperative professional project work in the power-house of the PMI Switzerland Chapter, provided that the (communication) structures and awareness are developed to support it. Elisabeth Weber, VP Events, elisabeth.weber@pmi-switzerland.ch is working on some ideas of how the chapter could go further with this concept. If you are interested, do not hesitate to [contact her](#).

Chapter news

From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 21 new members, bringing the active membership to **1112** as of August 31st.

Congratulations also to our 13 chapter members who obtained their PMP/CAPM certification in **August 2010** (by certification date):

Hans Campera, Pierre-Jean Detroyat, Noureddine El Mansouri, Martin Onyekachi Ijere, Andrew Jones, Fabienne Lebras, Sander Jan Ouwendijk, Govinda Prasad Sadhu, Roman Stenzel, Martin Ulrich, Stefan Vesenmeier, Roman Andreas Wildberger and Vincent Damba

The PMI Switzerland Chapter board representatives and professional colleagues hope to meet you personally at one of our next [networking or training events](#). Events are a great way to network and to maintain PMI certifications.

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

All the books available 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 at great conditions to chapter members only, for individual use.

Only in October 2010, "[PMBOK 4th, French Edition](#)" is discounted at **CHF 50.-** instead of CHF 60.-. Offer valid until end of the month or when stock runs out.

Apply now for the "Prix de l'Innovation en Management de Projet 2011"

The **SMP** and the **PMI Switzerland Chapter** are pleased to organize this unique project management award for the second time. Project teams from specific French speaking countries are invited to [submit their application \(in French\)](#) **before November 30, 2010**.

Hurry-up as, according to the [award conditions](#), **only the first 100** applications will be considered. The first prize of **CHF 5'000** (Euro 3'500) will be awarded during the "*Congrès du Management de Projet*" on April 27 and 28, 2011 in Lausanne.

For more details please consult the [conditions](#) and the [application form](#).

PM@CH Now Accepting Submissions

There is a saying in German sports ... "Nach dem Spiel ist vor dem Spiel." – "After the game is before the game". The PM@CH editorial team is now accepting submissions for the 7th Edition of PM@CH (Winter 2010/2011), which will be published in January 2011, as well as the two 2011 editions. Abstracts and articles can be submitted via e-mail to pm-ch@pmi-switzerland.ch, or refer to the Editorial Guidelines available on-line at www.pmi-switzerland.ch/pm@ch/.



By James Greene, PMP

**2011 THE
ELEVENTH
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

2011 Annual Members Meeting – The 10th Anniversary Edition!

Founded on October 2001, the PMI Switzerland Chapter will celebrate its **10th anniversary** in 2011. To mark this important milestone, a series of great events will take place during the whole calendar year, for the benefit of our growing base of loyal members and the public.



Please participate often and mark your agenda early to make sure you do not miss many of these great opportunities.

To set a high initial benchmark for the year, our Annual Members Meeting (our general assembly) will offer participants the opportunity to welcome **Michel Thiry**, PMP, MSc, FAPM, PMI Fellow, and Managing Partner Valense. This unique event will take place on **January 17th** and the hosting location and the detailed timing will be published on-line very soon. Thanks to **reserve this important date** in your agenda. Chapter members participate for free.

The AMM is also the opportunity to meet the newly elected Chapter Board and to thank our teams of Volunteers, over sixty passionate peers who invest time and energy to bring you valuable services.

Following the AMM and for experienced professionals who want to enhance their program management skills, an advanced seminar will take place the following two days in Zürich. Registration is open at great 10th anniversary conditions, especially for Chapter Members, please register early as, for the best experience, seats are limited.

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