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From the Editor

Even in the middle of the summer season, your Chapter is pleased to provide you with a rich agenda of learning and networking opportunities.

On August 1st, we are pleased to welcome our **2nd PgMP® certified member**: Marc Burlereaux. If you're preparing for the PgMP or simply if you have questions on this advance professional certification, we encourage you to participate to our August 13th event in Aubonne. Both Marc and Yannick (our 1st PgMP) will share their personal experience, challenges and tips, a valuable and relaxed time investment.

Are you interested to **win a mini-notebook**? Then consider registering for the *Project Management Training Forum* before August 21st and you'll be automatically included in a draw to win one mini-notebook. We wish you good luck!

In addition to your PMI Switzerland Chapter dense regional events calendar, we have partnered with other associations or organizations to offer even more learning options and membership value: the [Project Management Training Forum](#) in Zürich with the *spm*, the [Projekt Management Kongress](#) in Basel with the *HFW Baselland*, and finally the [EVA Europe 2009](#) congress in Geneva with the *CERN* and the *Geneva School of Business Administration (HEG)*.

Mark your agenda and happy learning!
Your Editor

Next Chapter Events, mark your agenda:



Special Event for PgMP® Certification Aspirants

Special evening event in English and French: 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 relaxed networking and BBQ event for all PMI and PMI Switzerland Chapter members, especially those who are considering or wishing to pass the [PMI-PgMP® certification](#).

Yannick Le Pogam and Marc Burlereaux are our guest speakers at our BBQ August event. Both Yannick and Marc are happy to hold interactive sessions with invited guests to share their experiences on the PgMP® certification, which would include exam preparation, main objectives and benefits of holding a PMI-PgMP® certification. [More...](#)

**August 13
Aubonne**

Soon!



Mr. Dany Rey

Advance Summer Workshop in Zürich

Special training event in German: 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.

Please register early as place is limited to maximum [15 participants](#). [More...](#)

**August 20
Zürich**

Soon!



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.

**August 20
Basel**

Soon!
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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.

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

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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
VD**

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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

Are you doing enough to develop your business creativity?

Special event in English: The PMI Switzerland Chapter 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
Zürich

Nov. 17
Basel

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.

For your convenience, this great event is duplicated in **Geneva, Zürich and Basel**. Thank you to our hosts, partners and sponsors that allow us to offer those three events at very attractive conditions.

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October 22nd, 2009
Technopark Zürich

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 (up to 6,5 PDUs)
- 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

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

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

By registering **before August 21st**, **you can win a mini-notebook!** In addition, as we are non-profit organizations, the Project Management Training Forum is offered at a very attractive price. Take advantage of the **early bird discount of 100 CHF!**

PMI Switzerland Chapter sponsors and exhibits in Basel

To raise awareness on the chapter benefits and the PMI certification, the PMI Switzerland Chapter sponsors and exhibits at the "Projekt Management Kongress" on September 15 in Basel.

This one day event focuses on "project management for practitioner" and is organized within the context of a post grade program from the *HFW Baselland* by volunteers. More information and registration is available on the [congress site](#).



PMI Switzerland Chapter is bronze sponsor and exhibitor of this event.

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GENEVA 2009

November 25-26, 2009
Hosted at CERN

1st Annual International Earned Value Conference for Continental Europe

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The [EVA Europe 2009 conference](#) will showcase Earned Value activity with a focus firmly on Europe. It is bringing practitioners, customers and suppliers together to share knowledge and discuss solutions. EVA Europe aims to increase the use of Earned Value in ways that will enable Europe to prosper safely and ethically in its global role.

A full 2 days program of presentations, workshops and formal and informal activities is being prepared. Seize the opportunity to show how it's done and how it could benefit projects in Europe.

Training or technical **75 min. sessions** are open to contributions:

- Techniques such as estimating, earned schedule, risk and EV, constructing a WBS, people (groups and leadership)
- Issues such as insurance, contracts, governance, ethics, private vs state, credit crunch, partnering, front-end decision making, education...
- Case studies such as real projects with lessons learned from experience or synthesized into research findings.

Testimonies from the field **45 min. workshops** are also open to contribution:

- These workshops intended to introduce and develop new and emerging practices and techniques to improve program management using Earned Value. These slots are not intended to provide EV training.

Please [submit your abstract and bios for the conference](#) sessions.

Abstract: a summary of your presentation that may be published on our website and on the conference flier - no longer than 250 words. *Biography:* your biography should include the details of your pedigree most relevant to the subject of your presentation and be no more than 250 words. *Speaker and presentation requirements will be sent to you once you have submitted the abstract. You will be expected to supply a PowerPoint presentation that will be made available to delegates after the conference.*

Further information on **academic contributions** and **event sponsoring** will be available by the end of August on the event site: www.eva-europe.eu

This event is jointly organized by the CERN and the Geneva School of Business Administration (HEG). The PMI Switzerland Chapter is a communication partner.

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Phoenix, AZ, USA

Special: 5th Microsoft Project Conference, Phoenix, AZ, USA

This year's [conference](#) will exclusively disclose the powerful capabilities included in Microsoft Project 2010 and Microsoft Enterprise Project Management (EPM) Solutions while providing real world guidance on how Microsoft Project and Microsoft EPM Solutions are helping customers today with Project and Portfolio Management to save money, enhance efficiency and prepare for future growth. View all session details including speakers, titles and abstracts [here](#).

[Interested?](#) Hurry-up as early bird 15% discount ends soon. PMI credential holders can earn up to 3 1/4 PDU's.



Special: Call for PMP® Certified Volunteers as book reviewers

Dr. Deasun Ó Conchúir, PMP and Senior Consultant at Scatterwork GmbH – a long standing PMI Switzerland Chapter Member – has coached and trained hundreds of PMP candidates from many countries to success. He found that the PMBOK® Guide is too complex at first reading, particularly for those for whom English is a learned language. Even so the pressures of globalization and company guidelines mean that many prepare for the examination in English. Now he has written a book which demystifies and mirrors the PMBOK® Guide **and is looking for PMP reviewers**.

His book is particularly useful for applicants for the PMP and CAPM examinations. It can also be studied alone by anyone as a general introduction to Project Management. The style and language have also been selected to make it particularly suitable for readers who use English as a learned language.

If you hold the PMP and are available to review this approx. 150 page book before the end of August, please contact Dr Ó Conchúir directly. Contributors will of course be acknowledged in the book and get a free copy, as well as a €50 token for Amazon as a sign of appreciation. *You can also contribute your suggestions for the book's title on the on the [Scatterwork blog](#).*



PBT in Switzerland
Important update

Certification locations and paper & pencil examination in Switzerland

Since years your Chapter representatives are fighting for a computer-based test center in the Zurich area, since there is currently only one test center in the country, located in Geneva. In the meantime, your Chapter organized the opportunity to take paper based exams (so called **PBT**) on different locations **in the Zürich area**.

All test centers worldwide and also the PBTs are operated by a PMI contractor called **Prometric**. Unfortunately Prometric is not willing to open a second test center in Switzerland. This decision is based on internal statistics that shows that: *"The current statistics of test takers a) does not justify a second test center in Switzerland and b) still indicates that the majority of test takers come from the French speaking area...our analysis showed that Geneva would be the location that was most convenient for the largest number of test takers based on their home addresses"*.

This outcome is not surprising because Prometric *"does not include the about 100 persons who are taking a Paper Based Test organized by the Chapter"*. They also do not include all the test takers travelling to Frankfurt or Munich and those taking a company internal examination, as paper & pencil testing.

In the past we had a lot of issues regarding paper based exams. It took a lot of time to organize them and even more time to solve those issues. This and the fact that those test takers are not counted for the statistics **led us to the decision not to host public PBTs any longer (starting with 2010)**. For interested organizations of course it will be possible to accomplish internal PBTs and we are glad if we can help here.

The Prometric test center in Geneva is open from Monday to Thursday. Prometric offered to expand the opening hours in Geneva to some Fridays and Saturdays starting in June. To allow long-term planning for test takers, we asked Prometric for the exact dates to publish on our website. Unfortunately Prometric can only provide short-term availability, because *"...The center's schedule is dynamic based on the demand they have for testing appointments so it will be difficult for them to commit to a calendar of open dates...in the future, the best way for candidates to search for a Friday or Saturday test date is by going to the [Prometric website](#) and looking for availability"*.

Prometric is reassessing their statistics yearly. As a Chapter, we hope that our decision will help to bring the statistics to a more realistic level and that more examination locations will be offered in the future. We shall also thank all the interested companies in hosting a test center in Zurich for their support and commitment over last year.

Please do not hesitate to send your objective comments, concerns or suggestions on that situation to [Brian Weiss](#) at PMI.



New Service to Members: the Bookstore is now Online

The PMI Switzerland Chapter proudly announces the [opening of its online bookstore](#) on the 1st of August. The online bookstore is accessible by Chapter Members only and offers selected titles from the PMI Marketplace to very attractive prices and low shipping costs. This has been made possible by bulk ordering books and by passing the chapter discount over to Members. The handling and shipping process is managed by our Bern Chapter office. You must login to access the PMI Switzerland Chapter online bookstore.

The Chapter bookstore project was launched two years ago, initially by managing a sales booth during our major Chapter events. Thanks to our events volunteers who provided this valuable service to members.

The initiative raised significant interest and we have decided earlier this year to develop this service further online. This is another milestone in supporting the chapter's mission to promote project management as a discipline to advance the practice and profession of project management throughout the country in a proactive manner and to provide a national competence center on project management in Switzerland



From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last June, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 22 new members, bringing the active membership to **986** as of June 30th.

Congratulations also to our **49** chapter members who obtained their PgMP, PMP or CAPM certification in June 2009 (alphabetic):

Roland August, Reinier Geleyn Bakker, Thomas Martin Bärtschi, Ulrike Bayer, Serge Crinquand, Sylvain Decarli, Beat Dietziker, Frank Dropmann, Ph.D., Ulrich Duerr, Thierry Guerineau, Olivier Gut, Stephan Hergenroeder, Erzen Ilijazi, Bjorn Ivesdal, Isabelle M Jaggi McCoy, Adam Jones, Maja Jovovic, Olivier Lazar, Didier Le Glaunec, William J Legge, Thierry Marin Lamellet, Olivier Meier, Alfredo Miano, Francois Midili, Anouar Mseddi, Evelyne Nicole Novel, Volkan Oezpamir, Dennis Joseph O'Sullivan, Zdenko Papa, Dan Petersson, Frank Pohl, Manuel Richard, Falk Ruecker, Eric Pascal Seuret, Madan G Sharma, Alessandro Simonelli, Thomas J. Spörri, Peter Sprenger, Frederic Stevenin, Marco van der Weijden, Christophe Vriet, Sébastien Walther, James Wilkie, Thomas Williams, Sr., Dr. Haiwen Ye, Wolfgang Zimmermann, Michaël Gingins, Stefan Tanner and Laurentiu Vasile Vihocencu.

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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