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From the Editor

Thanks to our thousand active members, the PMI Switzerland Chapter is now recognized as a major player in the field of program and project management in Switzerland. As a consequence, the association has better visibility but more responsibility as well, a challenging environment for a volunteers based association. For this reason and to prepare the foundations for long term sustainable growth, all our active members are invited to participate to the [forthcoming election process](#) and members' satisfaction survey, both scheduled in January 2010.

In the meantime, the Nominations Committee - *Nhora Barrera, MSPM and our past president Erhard Zingg, PMP* - has prepared a [call for Chapter Officers positions candidates](#). Chapter Officers positions are open to chapter volunteers that are ready to take more responsibility and a leadership role in the future of the association. While the position implies strong personal values and commitment, it's also an opportunity to become more involved in your association. Please refer to the article below for more details and the application process.

To help all members who don't have the chance to meet personally each candidate to the 2010 elections, the Nominations Committee is offering the opportunity to [ask your questions](#) before the election and each candidate will openly answer the five selected questions. If your question is selected as one of the five, you'll win a PMI Switzerland Chapter event voucher. We hope this will allow our members to better know each candidate who, once elected, will represent their interests in the association. Please check below for deadline and on how to proceed.

Our traditional **Members' satisfaction survey** will take place next January and your input is very important to the new Board. Results will help prioritize and implement the services and events you really find valuable. More information will follow in December and, if you have burning suggestions or concerns, you can contact our chapter office in Bern.

Finally to celebrate a dense and successful year, reaching over 1000 members; to present the election results; to meet and share good moments together, the tenth **Annual Members Meeting** will be hosted and sponsored by *Microsoft* and take place on **January 21st, 2010** in Wallisellen (ZH). Please mark your agenda and have a look to the event agenda below.

Quite a program for the end of the year and the beginning of 2010, but also the best moment to show your appreciation for the great services provided by the various volunteer teams, to thank them all and to tell us what you think.

Would you get even more involved, please consider volunteering for one of the chapter projects, a regional teams or a special committee and [let your VP Members know](#) about your availability and desires. Alternatively, you may apply for the key positions posted on the [PMI Switzerland Chapter site](#) (members only section).

Should you need more PDU to maintain your certification, November also provides a series of great [chapter and partners events](#) at very competitive price. As an alternative, members also benefit from a discount at most of the professional training's and courses advertised in our newsletters.

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Next Chapter Events, mark your agenda:



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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, stressing the need for innovation in a rapidly developing world.

For your convenience this great event is duplicated in [Geneva](#), [Zürich](#) and [Basel](#).

Geneva complete! Seats available in ZH and BS.
Should you need to cancel your registration, even last minute, please make sure you inform immediately the respective event organizer to free your seat.

Thank you to our hosts, partners and event sponsors who allow us to offer those three events at very attractive conditions. Please refer to the chapter site for registration and detailed location information.

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Annual Members Meeting

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 thank our teams of volunteers.

The event is generously hosted and sponsored by Microsoft Switzerland who will present the brand new features and improvements of their EPM solutions and Office 2010 family.

The *draft agenda* is as follows:

- 16h00-16h30 Welcome and registration
- 16h30-18h00 Microsoft presentation and Q&A
- 18h00-19h30 Annual Members Meeting
 - President's message
 - 2009 financial report
 - Discharge of the chapter officers
 - Election results and volunteer of the year
 - Outlook for 2010, priorities and initiatives
 - Q&A, suggestions
- 19h30- 21h00 Networking Buffet and discussions

While only members can give discharge to the chapter officers, the PMI Switzerland Chapter AMM is open to the Microsoft event participants and the general audience. [Registration](#) is however required for organizational reasons.

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Survey on "Standards in Project Management"

Within a **master thesis** at the University of Fribourg, a study supported by the PMI chapter Switzerland and the international institute of management in technology (iimt) is addressing the "**standards in project management**".

We encourage all our members to invest the few minutes necessary and to reflect their experience with PM standards, especially the PMI global standards, into this study. The final results will be published through the chapter communication channels for the benefit of the community. [Thank you for participating here](#) (in English or in German).



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As partner of this unique event, the PMI Switzerland Chapter is pleased to announce the first annual Earned Value conference for continental Europe: [EVA Europe 2009](#).

The two days conference, to be held **November 25th and 26th**, 2009 at CERN, **Geneva** will be dedicated to topical issues at the forefront of Earned Value Management (EVA) practice and research. [Registration is available here](#), directly on the EVA site. More details and the program can be consulted at www.eva-europe.eu.



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 Härr, 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 Hiltpold, 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 has stepped down in mid-term. Martin Härr, Bernard Roduit and Roger Dixon have decided to stand up 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

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Ask the candidates to the Board of Directors 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 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.

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**.

We thank you for your participation.

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



Looking forward after a successful PM Training Forum in Zürich

On October 22, 2009 the PMI Switzerland Chapter and the smp (swiss project management association) held the *second edition* of the [Project Management Training Forum](#) in Zurich.

Over 200 project managers, trainers, sponsor representatives and invited guests participated, about the same number as last year. This is clearly more than we could expect in these difficult economic times. 18 trainers and several other speakers delivered high quality know-how on a professional level.

The day was opened and closed by two excellent keynote speakers. As example, Prof. Dr. Wüthrich received outstanding feedback with his presentation on "A pledge for more management experiments", where he challenged common beliefs that more rules also mean better projects – a very refreshing thoughts for many participants.

The staff from Zurich *Technopark* and the catering team did a very good job to satisfy everyone and enable the networking during breaks and lunchtime. We are looking forward to plan and realize the **Project Management Training Forum 2010** and make it an even better event under the slogan: "there is always room for improvement".

We thank the project manager *Emil Ringger*, and the organization team consisting of *volunteers* from the PMI Switzerland Chapter and the smp for their marvelous job , as well as the event *sponsors* and *exhibitors* for their big support to a great idea. We look forward seeing you all in 2010.

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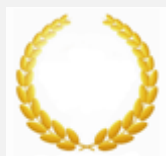


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Initiated by the SMP (Société suisse de Management de Projet) and the PMI Switzerland Chapter, the "**Prix de l'innovation en management de projet**" has been created to highlight and encourage innovative and exceptionally managed projects within selected 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 or IPMA 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 **November 30, 2009**.

On this basis, a panel of experts will preselect 10 projects, who best meet the award criteria. On January 10, 2010 those ten candidates will be informed and shall submit the required detailed project information within a month. The Grand Jury will select and interview the last 3 candidates and will award the first prize during the 16th *Congrès du Management de Projet*, on April 7-8, 2010 in Lausanne, within a specific media event.

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 32 new members, bringing the active membership to **1018** as of September 30th.

Congratulations also to our 7 chapter members who obtained their PMP certification in September 2009 (by certification date):

François Bendel, Tracey Bolton, Miguel Angel Chamochin, Leila Julazadeh, Alexander Kohls, Martin Lucko and Markus Karl Zehnder

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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