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Editorial

Dear Friends and Readers,

Thank you very much for reading this newsletter.

Even after three years as a member of the board, I continue to be impressed by all the work that is done within the chapter through the effort of volunteers. There are a lot of events organized – I believe more than ever before; articles are written, surveys are made and illustrated, and many other activities are volunteered. All this makes PMI Switzerland very special and unique. Great thanks to each and every one for being part of this success. And for those of you, who have not yet done so, please contact us to find out about how we can use your help!

On April 27th and 28th the 17th “Congrès du Management de Projet” was held in Lausanne. With 540 participants on the first day and 560 on the second day, it continues to be the largest PM event in Switzerland. For years now, the Congrès has been one of the best examples of how a good team of very motivated volunteers is able to organize and hold a great event. The Congrès started very small and grew and grew until it became the large event that it is now.

Unfortunately, it is with a feeling of disappointment that I must inform you that we will not have a similar PM event in Zurich this year. Although we had always believed that an event like the Congrès could be held in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, we just have not seen the same results. However, we will continue our discussions with spm (Swiss project management association) and keep you updated on any change or future decisions in upcoming newsletters.

Of course, there will be several regional events in Switzerland held within the next week. Enjoy them in Wallisellen, Zurich, Basel, Lausanne, Nyon and, back after a long time, again one in Bern. Improve your knowledge; take the chance to discuss and network. You could get more information in this newsletter and also on our website.

That said, the next great event is just waiting next week in Dublin. This year, the PMI® Global Congress 2011—EMEA, on 9–11 May in Dublin, Ireland, will be an opportunity to gain knowledge and make contacts that can bring you successful results. PMI’s global congresses are premier project management events that enable you to update your skills, network and earn professional development units toward maintaining your PMI credentials. You can still register and enjoy the event.

I, along with the chapter volunteers, look forward to the activities happening around the PMI Switzerland chapter. I wish all of you a great time with whatever you do and of course with our events. I hope to meet you there and find time to have some words and to hear about your satisfaction concerning everything we do.

Best Regards,



Werner Dorner
VP marketing and communication, PMI Switzerland Chapter

Upcoming Chapter Events



*Elisabeth
Weber,
Chapter
President*

PMI® Global Congress 2011-EMEA from 9-11 May 2011 in Dublin

Discover all of the exciting learning and networking possibilities that await you at PMI Global Congress 2011—EMEA! At this three-day event attendees will gather the know-how and inspiration needed to succeed. Educational sessions and networking opportunities will connect peers to discuss common issues, innovative solutions and best practices as well as learn about the latest trends, tools and techniques from project management experts.

May 8

Dublin

Soon!

This year, **seven of the Switzerland Chapter board members** are attending **PMI Leadership meeting**. It is a great opportunity for the team to learn about successful initiatives in other chapters and share ours.

[Register here](#)

Organizer:

Georg Kuenzi



*Stefan
Wagner,
Business Unit
Sport, SRG
SSR idée
suisse*

"2010 FIFA World" by SF, the Swiss Television Broadcasting Station

Did you enjoy the 2010 FIFA World Cup? Did you watch the matches live on TV? Maybe you did it together with some friends, had a few beers, chips and a lot of fun. Did you ever ask yourself what it takes so that you can enjoy a major sport event like this at home on your TV, radio, or the Internet?

May 19

Zurich

1.5 PDUs

Soon!

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Stefan will show how this project started with one e-mail from South Africa, confronted them with collaborator's fear of an unknown destination and ended with more than 130 happy SRG-people working in South Africa to bring the 2010 FIFA World Cup to you!

[Register here](#)

Organizer:



Diane Liebing



Networking Event in Basel

Come join us for our networking event – let's get to know each other and share our knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere! We look forward to seeing you at this special event and don't forget to bring your business cards! No matter what industry you work in, business networking is an essential skill to have if you want a successful career.

May 25

Basel

Soon!

No entrance fee! Everybody pay for their own drinks and snacks. PMI Vouchers are not valid for this event.

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Olivier Lazar,
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Ensure PMO's Sustainability: Make it Temporary! The Project Management Office Life Cycle ©

Many organizations and companies have or used to have one or more Project Management Offices, which have been shown – in various studies, books and conferences – to be delivering value to the organization. However, the same studies also show that the life expectancy of a PMO is less than 3 years (Aubry & Hobbs 2008). Some well-known and respected Project Management gurus state that a PMO has to be a temporary organization or structure (Thiry, 2007).

Then how to deal with this instability? How to ensure that the PMO delivers Value for the Organization on a sustainable manner? In this presentation, we'll try to find the answers to those questions...

[Register here](#)

May 26
Lausanne
2 PDUs

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Organizer:



Antonio Bassi

Five different
Project
Management
Professionals

PMI Switzerland chapter's Italian wing initiates the first event on Stakeholder management

The management of stakeholders is one of the key success factors in a project. The recent literature focuses on the identification of the less obvious stakeholders, which could anyway strongly influence the project, creating substantial impacts to it, either positively or negatively depending on how well they are managed.

In this evening we are fortunate to have 5 different experienced professional making presentations on the stakeholders. Keep checking our webspace for more information.

[Register here](#)

June 10
Manno
2.5 PDU

Event in Italian

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Michael
Voedisch

Project and Portfolio Management in one of the leading hospitals of the country - How do we manage complexity?

PMI Switzerland is happy to start the chapter activities in the heart and capital of the country - BERN. The Committee has kicked off its activities by launching the first of its kind event with the Inselspital, Bern University Hospital.

Mr. Michael Voedisch, Head of Corporate Development, will present about how the complexity of Project and Program Management is managed in one of the most prestigious and renowned hospitals in the country. The event will be opened by a key note of Dr. Urs Birchler, CEO of the Inselspital.

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June 14
Bern
1.5 PDU

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Kayo Dittmar



Peter Stevens, Scrum Trainer and Coach and a founding partner of DasScrum Team AG.

Scrum and Agile: A Different Approach to Project Management

Agile Software Development and particularly Scrum have been gaining increased attention in the software development industry. The PMI has recently announced an Agile Certification Program. As a Project Manager, you may face a number of questions and uncertainties when your company considers Scrum.

June 27
Wallisellen
1.5 PDU

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This interactive evening will take a look at the reasons for adopting Agile and how Scrum works, and the challenges in adopting it. We believe that you could get a clear understanding of what Scrum can (and cannot) do for you. Possibly, you might have more operational questions when you leave than when you arrived.

[Register here](#)

Organizer:



Tommaso Landi



Eli De Friend, Capacity Building Resource Exchange - CAPRESE

Building Project Success through Effective Stakeholder Management – with Lego Serious Play

Using an experiential learning process, the event presents an approach for identifying, mapping, and analysing stakeholders that brings new insights, challenges existing assumptions, and creates the foundation to deal proactively with stakeholders in a way that both taps potential and minimises risk.

June 30
Nyon
1.5 PDU

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This approach to working with stakeholders – an aspect often overlooked or not sufficiently addressed in companies – will surely inform, inspire, and stretch your thinking.

[Register here](#)

Chapter News

VP Members:



Roch Schenk

From your VP Members desk: membership status update

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 45 new members, bringing the active membership to **1248** as of March 30th.

Congratulations also to our 5 chapter members who obtained their PMI certification in **March 2011** (by certification date):

Juergen Ekert, Stefan Malär, Julie Parodi, Yulia Samoylova, Andrew David Spalding

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.

VP Education:



Dr. Deasún Ó Conchúir

From your VP Educations desk: Why & How to Record your PDUs

One of the benefits of a PMI credential is that the credential itself is managed to retain its value and to be up to date. This means that the holder can refer to its relevance, for example when applying for a new job.

Individual members are also required to be active in this process, to ensure that all contribute to the credibility of PMP (Project Management), PgMP (Program Management), PMI-SP (Scheduling Management) and PMI-RMP (Risk Management) credentials. The method selected for ensuring that the credential holders are proactive in developing their skills and knowledge is the use of **PDUs** (Professional Development Units).

How do I prove my PDU Activity? How do I record my PDUs?

These questions will be answered in details on our chapter website. Please visit the [Switzerland Chapter Website](#) for more information.

Communication director:



Velan Thangavelu

From the chapter communications desk

PMI® Agile Certification Exam Content Outline Now Available

Candidates for the Agile certification will be able to submit an application for the pilot starting in May 2011 and testing will begin in September 2011. Make sure you are ready with updated or new programs to meet this growing demand for Agile training.

To learn more about the PMI Agile Certification, visit: <http://www.pmi.org/agile.aspx>. In case of any questions please contact PMI Customer Care at customer care@pmi.org.

PMI launches consultant registry

On 28 March, PMI launched a worldwide PMI Consultant Registry, a new online directory that helps organizations find project, program and/or portfolio consulting firms. This is a new service that will help PMI fulfill on its promise of helping organizations embrace project management and attribute their success to it.

We invite you to visit the PMI Consultant Registry page <http://rcpdirectory.pmi.org/> to learn more and take a look at the Guide on "How to Select a Project Management Consultancy". The guide provides quick tips to help an organization be more efficient and informed in its firm selection process.

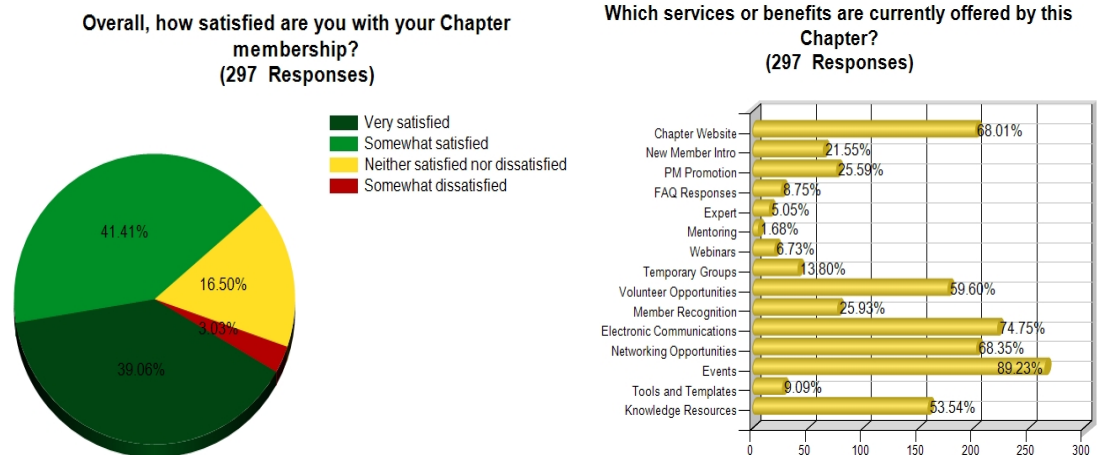
Swiss Project Management Journal PM@CH released

PMI Switzerland chapter is happy to announce the release of the latest spring edition of "The Swiss Project Management Journal" during April. The members would have received the printed copy at their registered address. The online version is available in the chapter website and could be accessed by clicking [here](#).

PMI Global Survey results

During the month of March, PMI conducted a worldwide survey on the member satisfaction for the chapters. Whoever has participated in the survey would have received the summary of the survey. I am proud to say that the chapter and its activities have been received quite positively among our members. A big thank you for all the support!

For the benefits of all members, I am enclosing some key feedbacks:



Our president, **Elisabeth Weber** has extended her thanks and appreciations to all the chapter members for their continued support and participation.

Chapter Officer responsible:



Thierry Labriet

From the PM Congr s team: Call for Volunteers for 2012!

The 17th Congr s du management de Projet has been another great success with 600 participants, thanks to the excellent collaboration between SMP and PMI Switzerland Chapter. 29 volunteers shared their passion and energy during almost a year to make it happen, helped by 25 additional volunteers during the event itself.

The next Congr s will take place on April 11-12, 2012 and we are already setting-up volunteer teams in various streams (trainings, sponsoring, conferences, etc.) - Team language is French and working knowledge therefore required. Volunteers not only benefit from a great network but can participate to the event, earn PDU and have fun! Plan for 1-3 hours a week depending on the role and the period (1 year commitment expected).

Apply now! Should you want to become part of this success story and share your passion for this high profile event, please contact : Thierry Labriet (Thierry.Labriet@pmi-switzerland.ch).

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Event Reports

Project Management Challenges in Modern Outsourcing, Geneva, 07.04.2011

On the Thursday evening, the local event committee hosted a workshop on the latest trend of micro-outsourcing. The workshop was facilitated by Martin Tiberg, an expert in micro-outsourcing and the founder of Sourceitout, a company that helps small and medium-sized businesses to outsource their work.

Martin took us through the uniqueness, advantages and challenges of micro-outsourcing which allows small and medium-sized enterprises to outsource part of their work to highly skilled freelance workers or small providers based anywhere across the globe.

Martin made the evening interactive by asking the participants to do a case analysis on the business case of one of his clients, a company that produced innovative devices to track luggage in airports and wanted to develop sales representatives around the world. The participants were encouraged and guided to elaborate around these topics and present their point of view.

Martin closed by presenting the way he solved each challenge before answering questions. The interactive evening was a good opportunity to exchange knowledge and get to know the participants.

Event Organizer



Antonia Van der Holst

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