Dear Members and Subscribers,

Greetings and Warm wishes!

Do you know, as members of Project Management Institute, we could enhance our knowledge, our visibility and also earn PDUs by commenting on the upcoming PMI books/standards? => The latest and fifth edition of PMBOK is available for your comments and so are the standards of Program Management and Portfolio Management. You could find more details here.

We have several news items as part of this Newsletter and I would like to also highlight certain local news items that could be interesting for you:

- The next edition of Swiss Project Management Journal - PM@CH – is in Print and will reach all the members the beginning of March (possibly you have it already)
- The deadline for the early bird offer for "Congrès du management de projet" is fast approaching. Please register early to get double benefits.
- Our partner association spm - swiss project management association organizes each year a full-day event in Zurich; the 2012 event is also fast approaching. Check our events section for more information

I would like to provide an update about the Marketing & Communications stream and how the team is evolving to provide better value to the members of the chapter.

We have three streams dedicated for this activity within the chapter supported by strong volunteers - 1) Newsletter communications with Paul Selwold taking the lead role 2) Blog and Website communications with João Ramalho taking the responsibility and 3) Marketing stream with Sandro Jordão taking the responsibility for the initiatives.

We welcome and strongly urge more volunteers to join the chapter activities in any of the streams. I would like to express my personal opinion that this will not only help the chapter but also enable us, the volunteers, to do interesting activities that are outside the purview of their day to day activities.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our next chapter events.

Until then, Auf Wiedersehen! Au Revoir! Good Bye!

Thanks and Best regards,

Velan Thangavelu PMP, PMI-ACP
Vice President, Marketing & Communications
Chapter News

From the desk of VP Members: membership status update

Last month, the PMI Switzerland Chapter was pleased to welcome 30 new members, bringing the active membership to 1424 as of January 31st.

Congratulations also to our 12 chapter members who obtained their PMI certification in January 2012 (by certification date):

Philippe Bietenholz, Holger Blunck, Ümür Ince, Jerome Le Brigand, Marc Lebreuil, Richard Mathis, Tiberiu Mihai Mos, Peter Mul, Mitch Mircea Panzar, Laurent Teissier, Andreas Unterkircher, Jacek Szettel

The PMI Switzerland Chapter board representatives and professional colleagues hope to meet you personally at one of our next professional events. Events are a great way to network and to maintain PMI certifications.

Get to Know your PMPs

We're happy to introduce some new PMPs personally. Click here to read what they say....:

Mitch Mircea Panzar

From the desk of Director Education and Certification: our objectives

Dr. Deasún Ó Conchúir decided to step down and, while regretting this development, as the new officer taking over the same responsibility of "Education and Certification" within PMI- Switzerland Chapter and on behalf of the chapter and the board, I would like to thank Dr. Deasún O Conchúir for his volunteer work for the education program.

Let me take this opportunity to outline our objectives for the year for the education & certification area.

Read more

Event Reports by PMI Journalists

Finding fulfilment and happiness in project work

I wasn't sure what to expect when I registered for this event but, overall, the event was very enlightening and engaging! Studies show that unfortunately most employees are not highly engaged -- almost 1 in 3 is actively disengaged -- If you are truly engaged in your job, you are more productive and happier at work, and you also have more time for your family, hobbies and other life activities!

Read entire report

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Upcoming Events

Events are being added all the time. Click here to see the most current offerings.

Business Process Management for Project Managers

The evolution of BPM tools over the past decade has galvanized numerous enterprise initiatives to create customer centricity, meet compliance challenges and achieve operational excellence.

Alexandre Nevski has been enabling blue-chip insurance and financial services organizations to better serve their customers, comply with regulations and achieve operational excellence using BPM.

Read more or register

Project Management Methodology: HERMES

This is a German language event. Hermes has been a project management tool since 1975 and, since 1986, has been the official methodology of all federal IT projects in Switzerland.

Louis Belle is the CIO of the HES SO (Fachhochschule Westschweiz).

Read more or register

The New Skills for Project Managers.

This is a German language event organized by our partner association, spm (swiss project management association). What is needed to master project management? Dealing with power? Negotiation skills? A ready wit? Composure? Emotional Intelligence? Networking? Lobbying?

The answer is: all of the above.....and at the same time too!

Read more or register

PMI Networking Event

Let's get to know each other and share our knowledge in a relaxed environment!

Read more or register
How to drive a car with wheels running in different directions?

The major challenge for the Project Manager lies in his team. Whatever is the structure of the organization where the project takes place, the Project Team has to obtain from its members to deliver the expected performance and Value.

Olivier Lazar is a PM consultant, coach and trainer working for ALTRAN. He is also our chapter VP events.

Read more or register

The new TWINDEXX Swiss Express – Next generation of high speed, double-deck train

Bombardier has developed the new TWINDEXX Swiss Express – a high speed, double-deck train, that changes the face of transportation, all together.

Stéphane Wettstein is as Chief Country Representative Bombardier Transportation (Switzerland) Ltd. responsible for Customer Relations Management and Business Development.

Read more or register

André Dosé - Project Phoenix

The project "Phoenix" was a national effort to build a new airline in Switzerland, later named Swiss International Airlines. Join André on an exciting journey through these 6 Months.

André Dosé was the founding president and CEO of Swiss International Airlines and he is presently having his own consulting organization.

PRINCE2 vs. PMI: brothers, cousins or enemies?

Emmanuel Laffineur will describe the differences and complements between the two leading Project management Standards, PRINCE2 and the PMBOK Guide.

Emmanuel is a PRINCE2 and MSP certified trainer and consultant with more than 10 years of experience in Project Management.

Read more or register

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Special Section: Project Management Congress – 11 and 12 April 2012

Register today!

With People at the heart of projects as its theme, this 18th edition of the Project Management Congress will meet even the highest expectations.

Workshops and training sessions fill up very quickly. Guarantee your spot in the sessions of your choice by registering without delay on the Congress website:

www.congres-pm.ch

Register now and get the early bird price and special prices for PMI members!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2012

- 80% brand new interactive training sessions, with 10 in English
- Novel conference sessions
- Workshops divided into 3 themes
- Numerous occasions to network

Receive a CHF 250 discount by combining the member rate and the early bird rate if you register by 19 March 2012.

Certified project management professionals can obtain up to 12 category A PDUs by participating in the Project Management Congress.

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Soon! When you see this logo in our events list, it means this is the last announcement for this event in the chapter newsletter.