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Report on Projects & Project Management in Switzerland

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Congress Time in most of the countries in Europe

With the cold and rainy days in Central Europe came the inevitable increase of congress, symposium and exposition activities. The organisational work of countless Project Management volunteers came to fruition with the organisation of excellent level conferences in several countries, many with prominent speakers and record attendance.

**Project & Portfolio Management Symposium
Vienna 19-20 Nov. 2007**

The highlight of the yearly endeavours of the Austrian chapter is the organisation of this outstanding annual event. On the 19th – 20th November the Project & Portfolio Management Symposium brought together project managers not only from Austria, but also from neighbouring countries. With 740 participants once again the event was a Europe high. Topics covered were

- Keynote Speech
- 30 Experts speaking on Best Practices (both in German and English)
- PMI Excellence Award Ceremony
- "Tool-Time" software and services fair
- PM Job Fair
- PM Bookstore
- Networking Cocktail

A moment of relaxation in the evening. Delegates dining : Torbun Grut from Stockholm, Berlin chapter, Steffi Triest from The Berlin chapter, Theofanis Giotis from the Greece chapter and Alexander Matthey from the Switzerland chapter



Founding of Inter Chapter Coordination between 8 European chapters, Vienna, Austria 20 Nov. 2007

A Leadership Workshop hosted by the Vienna congress allowed 8 chapter presidents from Europe to establish the basis of a regional collaboration. The objective is to exchange leadership best practices, sponsorship management and event organisation best practices.

Sharing experience and working together will happen at Leadership Institute Meetings or at ad hoc meetings. The next will be held in Frankfurt at the end of January 2008. The initial coordinator will be Alexander Matthey, PMP, the representative of the PMI Switzerland chapter.

National Flagship Event in Berne Switzerland 22 Nov. 2007

Switzerland reached a high level maturity with its Project Management Event Programme serving its 814 members. Not less than 21 of them were organised on both sides of the linguistic border in 2007, culminating in this supranational event. With the very professional organisational guidance of Mr Jonathan Morocco this half day event brought together more than 80 professionals in the federal capital, Berne to listen to the following:

1. Business Process Transformation – Andre Guyer
2. Project Management and Innovation @ IBM - Thomas Diethelm PMP
3. Apprendre à chanter le son pour mieux le parler (Learn to sing in order to better speak) – Marc Mazuir
4. Round table discussions around different volunteer opportunities – all VPs of the chapter

The most unforgettable experience was the singing lesson of the baritone, Mr Mazuir, here pictured in action at the Lausanne Opera





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