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### Project Management Update from Zurich

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#### ***10<sup>th</sup> Annual members meeting of the PMI Switzerland Chapter***

End of January the 10<sup>th</sup> annual members meeting of the PMI Switzerland Chapter took place in Zurich.



The meeting was hosted and sponsored by Microsoft in their head office in Wallisellen. Microsoft presented their new 2010 Enterprise Project Management Software and did live demo about the new products. It was the first time in Switzerland the new version was showed to a bigger audience.

The meeting started with the President's message. The official part included also the 2009 financial report, the discharge of the chapter officers and the election results.

A networking buffet gave the chance for discussions and to meet someone.



*The new PMI Switzerland Chapter Board.*

### ***15<sup>th</sup> Congrès du Management de Projet***

Once again, the "Congrès du Management de Projet" brings a unique training opportunity during two very dense days in the UNIL beautiful campus in Lausanne-Dorigny. The event is organized by the SMP (the IPMA branch in the French speaking part of Switzerland) and the PMI Switzerland Chapter.



This year the event will take place on April 7 and 8, 2010, from 8h30 to approx. 18h00. Program details and registration are already available on the congress site. The session structure once again has been enhanced based on the valuable feedback of participants. Most sessions will be held in French.

Very much appreciated last year, the optional networking dinner will take place on the evening of April 7th, while the CHF 5'000 "*Prix de l'innovation en management de projet*" will be awarded on the 8th.

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