

# olpc.ch meeting in Bern 1.20.2009

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## Topics

1. Hopes for  
2009: [http://www.olpcnews.com/commentary/olpc\\_news/one\\_laptop\\_per\\_child\\_hopes\\_for\\_2009.html](http://www.olpcnews.com/commentary/olpc_news/one_laptop_per_child_hopes_for_2009.html)
  2. Give- one -Get one: implication for Switzerland? What happened?
  3. Open-Expo Contest: Lead by Urs Lerch.
  4. OLPC-Europe- FOSDEM Meeting in Brüssel on February 7. - 8. : Who will be there? <http://fedoraproject.org/wiki/FedoraEvents/FOSDEM/FOSDEM2009>
  5. Some Experiences with the Support Gang of OLPC (if desired, I can talk a little bit about my experiences, Niklaus)
  6. SPONSORING.. WHAT IS GOING ON?
  7. Next meeting / Events
- 2. The second G1G1 initiative was much less successful than the first one; about 550 XO's has been sold in Europe, less than 100 in Switzerland.**
- 3. Urs tells us more details about the planned developing contest:**
- Universities, Universities of applied Sciences an high schools should be involved  
  
THE SUBJECT OF THE PROJECTS IS STILL OPEN
  - THE PROJECT WEBSITE IS ALREADY ONLINE (PLEASE DO NOT USE OR LINK TO IT UNTIL THE PROJECT IS LAUNCHED): [HTTP://WWW.XO-CONTEST.CH](http://www.xo-contest.ch)
  - A founding request has been formulated  
  
Three project – submitting dates are planned. The contest will finish in 2010
  - During the OPEN-Expo in spring 09 (April, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Berne: <http://www.openexpo.ch/openexpo-2009-bern/> ) we will have the opportunity to launch our project officially, we hope we will be able to present first project ideas.
  - Olpc.ch is in the program of Open-Expo, we have the opportunity to organize a event and olpc.ch will have a stand (Messestand).  
  
AT THE OPEN-EXPO IN AUTUMN 09 WE WILL DEFINITELY HAVE SOME PROJECT- IDEAS TO PRESENT.  
  
WE WILL BORROW XO TO PERSONS WHO WILL SUBMIT PROJECTS AND WILL DONATE XO'S TO THE BEST PROJECTS.  
  
WE PLAN TO PUBLISH THE BEST PROJECTS IN A APPROPRIATE WAY

THE CONTEST SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE IN GERMAN, ABSTRACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN 4 LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH AND ITALIAN; UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE PROJECTS FORMULATED IN RUMANTSCH (OUR FORTH NATIONAL LANGUAGE)

#### **4. OLPC-Europe- FOSDEM Meeting in Brüssel on February 7. - 8. : Who will be there?**

- Niklaus Giger will try to attend the meeting in Brüssel

#### **5. Gang of OLPC (by Niklaus)**

- Niklaus is an active Member of the worldwide support gang of olpc. – He answered to 700 mails in the last month!!

The leader of the support gang is Adam Hold

There are about 130 support gang members; 20 to 30 members are very active and participate regularly to the weekly phone-conferences (Sunday evening from 10pm to 11pm Swiss time)

Most questions can be answered; the support gang is looking for persons being able to answer questions in Russian and Chinese (Mandarin??)

The support gang is an active community who had to answer over 30'000 emails / questions within the last 16 Month

Due to his activities for the support gang Niklaus could build a network of connections to the olpc – staff in Europe and in Boston.

#### **6. Sponsoring**

- We did not discuss about sponsoring activities / found rising. We are still looking for founds for our activities

#### **7. Next meeting / Events**

- Olpc.ch plans to invite Yamandú Ploskonka (Yamandú is one of the leading olpc-south America activist <http://wiki.laptop.org/go/User:Yamaplos>) to a talk in Zürich. The event is planned on February **11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> at Technopark in Zürich.**
  - The Event will be organized by olpc.ch and ch-open. More details will follow. Please keep in mind February 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>)

OLPC.CH WILL SUPPORT A PART OF THE JOURNEY FROM BRÜSSEL TO SWITZERLAND OF YAMAPLOS.

- We plan to have the next 'official olpc.ch meeting April (somewhere in-between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) you will get a personal invitation through the mailing list

A INOFFICIAL MEETING OF OLPC.CH WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> AFTER A LONG DAY AT OPEN-EXPO. WE HOPE THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF OLPC-CH WILL HELP US TO ORGANIZE OPEN-EXPO.

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