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## PROGRAMME EMPA-Congress 2011



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## Welcome to the EMPA-Congress 2011 in Lucerne – Switzerland!

Dear EMPA-Members

In recent years, the Swiss Army had profound reforms. In 2003, the Swiss had the opportunity to vote on these reforms. The Swiss Army stays a militia Army and is deeply rooted in the population.

At the moment, there are discussions about the Swiss Army. Tight money, Army report, security policy, new airplanes or the abolition of the general conscription are important topics for debates.

For this reason, we will hold after 11 years the congress of European Military Press Association in Switzerland. Host-City is Lucerne. We will visit the infantry, the Air Force and the Armed Forces College. The armament industry will also present an exhibition.

We are able to offer an attractive programme. You will get information about the Swiss Army, the security policy and the famous Swiss armament industry.

Best regards and see you in Lucerne!  
European Military Press Association

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## Overview Congress Programme:

(Planning 1.10.2011)

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### Tuesday, 25.10.2011

Starting 02'00 p.m.: **Registration** EMPA-Congress 2011, Lucerne  
Exhibition and voting "EMPA-Photo-Award"  
Hotel Continental Park, Lucerne

04'00 p.m.: **Official welcome**  
Hotel Continental Park Lucerne, Meeting room  
Briefings: Overview Swiss Army,  
Col GS Roland Beck, Chief Editor ASMZ  
  
Security Policy of Switzerland,  
Major Patrick Nyfeler, Schweizer Soldat  
*Dress code: casual*

06'30 p.m.: **Departure** to the Opening Dinner by coach  
Meeting-point: Hotel Continental Park, Lucerne

07'00 p.m.: **Opening Dinner**, Seehotel Sternen, Horw  
Offer by Swiss Officers Society SOG  
*Dress code: uniform / dark suite*

### Wednesday, 26.10.2011

07'45 a.m.: **Departure** to General Meeting EMPA by Coach  
Meeting-point: Hotel Continental Park, Lucerne  
*Dress code: uniform/jacket or casual*

08'30 a.m.: **General Meeting 2011**  
Armed Forces College Lucerne

09'30 a.m.: Starting Partners programme (*Dress code: casual*)

12'00 a.m.: **Exhibition and briefings Swiss armament industry**  
**Visit Armed Forces College, Lucerne**

18'45 a.m.: **Departure** to Swiss Dinner  
Meeting-Point: Hotel Continental Park, Lucerne

20'00 a.m.: **Swiss Dinner**  
*Dress code: casual*

### Thursday, 27.10.2011

07'30 a.m.: **Departure** to Training Area St. Luzisteig by Coach:  
Meeting-Point: Hotel Continental Park, Luzern  
*Dress code: uniform/jacket or casual*

09'30 a.m.: Begin Day of Infantry, St. Luzisteig  
Combat training Infanterierekrutenschule 11

Evening: free after arrival at Lucerne

**Friday, 28.10.2011**

07'30 a.m.: **Departure** to Swiss Air Force Base Emmen by Coach:  
Meeting-Point: Hotel Continental Park, Luzern  
*Dress code: casual*

08'15 a.m.: Begin Visit Swiss Air Force

11'00 a.m.: Transfer Emmen – Thun

12'30 p.m.: Begin Visit RUAG Defence Thun

Evening: Closing dinner

11'00 p.m.: Return to Lucerne

**Saturday, 29.10.2011**

Day of departure, no programme

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**Important informations:**

**Because we rely on the support of sponsors, we ask the delegates to report adequately on the event.**

**Please take warm clothes and good shoes – especially for Thursday – the weather in Switzerland could be cold – maybe raining or snowing – in October!**

**The Organisation committee doesn't have the opportunity to organize individual transfer to any Railway station or Airport – if you leave prematurely during the programme of this Congress!**

**Meeting point:**

(Registration, departure from Coach)  
Hotel Continental Park  
Murbacherstrasse 4  
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## Travel information Zurich Airport - Lucerne



The Hotels are 5 min to walk (200 m) from the Railway station Lucerne.

### Timetable Zurich Airport – Lucerne (Departure hourly)

Station	Platform	Departure	Arrival	
Zurich Airport	3	xx:13		
Zurich Mainstation (HB)	17		xx:23	
Zurich Mainstation (HB)	5	xx:35		<b>Change the train!</b>
Lucerne	7		Xx:25 (+1h)	

Station	Platform	Departure	Arrival
Zurich Airport	4	xx:47	
Lucerne	7		Xx:49 (+1h)

For transfer from arrival/baggage area to the Railway station Zurich Airport you need approximately 20-30 min. (incl. Ticket order)

### Tickets Zurich Airport - Lucerne:

One way 2<sup>nd</sup> class: CHF 27.00 (EUR 23.00)  
 One way 1<sup>st</sup> class: CHF 45.00 (EUR 38.00)

### Timetable Lucerne – Zurich Airport (Departure hourly)

Travel	Departure	Arrival	
Lucerne – Zurich Airport	xx:10	Xx:13 (+1h)	Direct train
Lucerne – Zurich Airport	xx:35	Xx:46 (+1h)	1 change

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