

# Agenda AAA/SWITCH Info Day 2010

## Welcome: Ch. Graf, SWITCH

*"A warm welcome on behalf of SWITCH! Thank you for finding your way to Berne on this cold morning. We will fight the cold with hot coffee and - hopefully - also hot topics.*

*What are we going to do today? Our claim: It's nothing less than shaping the future! The future of our collaborative and largely federated e-infrastructure to the benefit of the Swiss Research and Education community.*

*One of the vehicles to do this is the project "AAA/SWITCH e-Infrastructure for e-Science". With **2 years into the project and 2 years ahead of us**, we are now in the middle of this project.*

*The scope of the project is quite wide and not all topics will be equally relevant to you.*

*There are areas, where you want to stay ahead of the crowd, where you want to lead the way things are developing, you are willing to spend money, time and **accept the risk of getting a bloody nose - because you want to stay ahead of the crowd!***

*And there are areas, that are not that important to you. You will prefer to take the path others prepared and stay within the crowd. It's cheaper, less efforts, less risk and - maybe - also less fun.*

*The AAA/SWITCH project is clearly something to help those who want to stay ahead of the crowd and lead the way now. And everybody should get the benefits of it, also after the project ended.*

*With still another 2 years to go, there's just about enough time to start working on a specific topic and reach results in it.*

*Therefore our plea:*

- **Identify the areas, where you want to stay ahead of the crowd, the areas where your strengths are, or where you want to develop new strengths**
- **Use opportunities - like today - to find similar-minded companions helping you to share the burden**
- **Use the benefits of the project AAA/SWITCH to achieve your goals**

*Happy Networking!"*