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Pre-announcement for the 2nd Call for Proposals

SystemsX.ch is getting ready to publish a second call for proposals. The call will be officially released in September 2008 with a January 15, 2009 deadline and will include provisions for certain project types and topics, namely:

- **Research, Technology and Development (RTD)** projects similar to the first call. Emphasis on projects coming from areas not covered in the projects funded in the first round will be made. No topics are excluded. However, SystemsX.ch envisages in particular projects with the following aims:
 - (i) to bring Systems Biology approaches into biomedical and medically oriented and relevant research
 - (ii) genetics / genomics: proposals dealing e.g. with transcriptional / genomics regulatory net-works (e.g. host-pathogen interactions)
- **Technology development (TECH)** projects will appear as a separate category in this call in an effort to support research & development in the area of technologies relevant to Systems Biology.
- **Interdisciplinary PhD (IPhD)** projects similar to the first call. PhD students should be mentored jointly by investigators from two different disciplines such as computer science, engineering, nanotechnology, physics, mathematics, chemistry, biology, medicine, etc.
- **Interdisciplinary Pilot Projects (IPP)** similar to the first call. These projects will bring together research teams from the different disciplines mentioned above to address high risk topics critical for systems biology.

We look forward to our next call and receiving your new project proposals!