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Newsflash

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First Call: More than 80 Proposals!

Zurich. AK/VDM. On January 01, 2008, the deadline of the SystemsX.ch Call for Proposals, researchers submitted 82 project proposals.

No less than 30 Research, Technology and Development Project (RTD) proposals from 10 different hosting institutions were submitted. For this call, SystemsX.ch plans to fund RTD projects with CHF 45 Mio. The amount requested sums up to impressive CHF 220 Mio. The teams consist of 5 to 22 research groups.

In addition, 31 proposals for Interdisciplinary PhD Projects (IPhD) and 21 Interdisciplinary Pilot Projects (IPP) were submitted. Most of the SystemsX.ch partner institutions as well as the Systems Biology disciplines are represented.

The process of reviewing

The **RTD** proposals will be evaluated according to the value they can add to Systems Biology by the SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board (SEB). As the Advisory Board mentioned in its report after its November 2007 meeting, it is crucial that the SystemsX.ch projects are not just “more of the same”.

The scientific quality will be reviewed by the international panel made up by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), which will convene on February 21-23, 2008. The formal preliminary decision on RTDs will be made by the SNSF Board on March 12, 2008. Subsequently the SystemsX.ch Board of Directors will meet to make final decisions based on the commitments about each institute's own contributions. The approved RTD projects are expected to start between April and May 2008.

Like the RTD proposals, the **IPhD** proposals will be reviewed by both the SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board and SNSF. Approved IPhD project will start in June 2008.

The **IPPs** will be evaluated by the SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board only. Decisions will be published in March or April 2008.

For more information please go to www.systemsX.ch.