



Newsletter #1

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SystemsX

The Swiss Initiative in Systems Biology

General Remarks by the Editor

This is the first internal newsletter about SystemsX, the Swiss Initiative in Systems Biology. This newsletter will appear sporadically to inform about what is going on in and around SystemsX. The circle of addressees is kept wide. Do not hesitate to spread the newsletter further. Anyone who wishes to be put on the list of addressees can subscribe by sending an email to thomas.mueller@systemsx.ch. By the same way anyone who does not want to receive this can be put off the list.

The aim of these newsletters is to help building a systems biology research community in Zurich and Basel. Don't hesitate to send me your opinion and suggestions for enhancements on this newsletter.

If you read or hear any news which might be of interest for all SystemsX affiliates, please, let me know, too.

News from the Board of Directors Meeting of June 2th, 2005

The business plans of the proposed Glue Project «Center for Cellular Nanoanalytics» and the two proposed Scientific Nodes «Center for Systems Biology of Infection» and «Center for Cell Plasticity in Health & Disease», all to be located in Basel, are accepted for review by the Executive Committee of SystemsX.

The SystemsX Logo is approved by the BoD now! High resolution copies are available from thomas.mueller@systemsX.ch.

The next Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place in Basel at the Department of Clinical Biological Sciences in the Biopark Rosental (date to be arranged).

There was a short series of article in the Basler Zeitung about the long term location of the Center of Biosystems (C-BSSE) in Basel. An attached interview with ETH President and SystemsX Chairman Olaf Kübler sums up the position of ETH Zurich.

The press conference on SystemsX is scheduled for September (after the next BoD-Meeting).

We have a building!



After 7 months of negotiations, the Center of Biosystems (C-BSSE) has definitely a home in Basel. It will be the building WRO-1058 on the area of the Biopark Rosental in Basel. The contract was signed middle of May. In a first phase, C-BSSE will rent the floors 3,4,6,7 and 8 and then gradually will conquer the whole building.

<http://www.systemsX.ch>

The provisional website www.systemsX.ch is online. An improved version in an original design will follow. Comments und suggestions are welcome to thomas.mueller@systemsx.ch.

Prize for Ernst Hafen

Ernst Hafen, Director of the Institute of Zoology of the University of Zurich, member of SystemsX and incoming President of ETH Zurich won the «Ernst Jung Prize for Medicine» together with Ulrich Hartl of the Max-Planck-Institute of Biochemistry. He is honoured for his basic research for *Drosophila*. The prize is endowed with 250 000 Euro and is considered as one of the most esteemed medicine prizes in Europe. Congratulations!

Particulars

Dr. Urte Hinrichs started her job as Administrative Director of the Center of Competence for Systems Physiology and Metabolic Diseases (CC-SPMD). Welcome on board!



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Don't forget...

...to inform me on any of your upcoming papers in Systems Biology. Thanks.

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