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Media Conference on December 05, 2007

Bern. 05.12.2007. thm/AK. A media conference on SystemsX.ch took place at the Federal Palace Media Centre in Berne. Charles Kleiber, State Secretary for Education and Research, Ruedi Aebersold, Chairman of the Scientific Executive Board of SystemsX.ch and Ralph Eichler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SystemsX.ch explained what SystemsX.ch is all about. Look here for the media kit in English, German and French.

Public Talk of Prof. Eugene Butcher

Zurich. 04.12.2007. AK. Prof. Eugene Butcher of Stanford University held a public talk with the title "Cell Systems Biology: Modeling Human Disease for Drug Discovery Development." Here you find the video streamings of the talk.

Guidelines for Matching Funds

Zürich. 23.11.2007 FB/AK/VDM. Guidelines for how to calculate your matching funds and the amount of money you can request from SystemsX.ch for your proposal can be found here.

The first Call for Proposals is running....

Zürich. 19.10.2007 FB/VDM. What exactly are these calls going to be divided into in the next four years???

2007 and 2008 Call for RTDs: 45 Million CHF for the 2007 Call
2007-10 Call for IPPs: ~15 projects/year at 120 kCHF/project/year
2007-10 Call for IPHDs: ~16 projects /year at ~52 kCHF /project/year
NOTE: IPHDs are funded for a 3 year time frame i.e. a total of ~156 kCHF/ project or student

Other important links:
How should a SystemsX.ch project look?
Here you can access new and pipeline proposals which can serve as examples for what we are looking for. Some are projects currently funded by the former SystemsX, while others were presented at the All-SystemsX.ch-Day in Lausanne as new project ideas.
Perhaps your ideas can also be stimulated by looking at the 10 Letters of Intent we have received so far!

100 Mio Swiss Francs for SystemsX.ch

Bern/Zürich. 20.09.2007. AK/VDM. Now it is official: Federal supports SystemsX.ch with CHF 100 Mio for the period 2008-2011, ETH Zurich receives another CHF 100 Mio for D-BSSE in Basel. Yesterday and today, the National Council debated on the Federal message about Education, Research and Innovation for the next four years proposed by the Federal Council on January 24, 2007. It was debated in the Council of States on June 19, 2007. All parts concerning SystemsX.ch and D-BSSE were accepted by both Chambers. Annual tranches might incur sporadic cuttings. However, the Swiss Initiative in Systems Biology will be implemented as intended. The Swiss parliament decided to increase federal funds in Education, Research and Innovation annually by 6% respective to the level of 2007. Some minor difference between the two Chambers, which don't affect SystemsX.ch, will be resolved next Monday. Hence, SystemsX.ch is ready to operate. The contract was signed on September 6, 2007, the first Call for Proposals is published, and with today, the funding was approved for a four year period.

All-SystemsX.ch-Day on September 17, 2007

Zurich. 19.09.2007. AK. The All-SystemsX.ch-Day of September 17, 2007 was a success. About 250 persons showed interest and attended the event at EPF Lausanne. More than 25 posters visualized SystemsX research projects. In the afternoon, 14 ideas for RTD projects were presented to the audience. Find more information here.

SystemsX.ch has been launched

Zurich. 10.09.2007. AK. SystemsX.ch has officially been launched on September 06, 2007 in Berne. A Kick-off meeting was organized by the State Secretary of Education and Research, Charles Kleiber. The SystemsX.ch Board of Directors met to sign the jointly elaborated SystemsX.ch contract. SystemsX.ch, the Swiss Initiative in Systems Biology has merged the strength of ETH Zurich, EPF Lausanne and the Universities of Basel, Berne, Geneva, Lausanne and Zurich. Read more on the Kick-off meeting in the SystemsX.ch Newsletter #13.

The SystemsX.ch Call for Proposal has been published

Zurich. 10.09.07. AK. The call for proposals has been published with the launching of SystemsX.ch at the Kick-off meeting of September 06, 2007. Scientists can submit calls for RTD, IPHD and IPP Projects until January 01, 2008.

SystemsX.ch is about to be launched

Zurich. 28.08.07. AK. SystemsX.ch will officially be launched in a Kick-off Meeting on September 06, 2007 in Berne. The Board of Directors will meet subsequently to the CRUS meeting to sign the SystemsX.ch contract. SystemsX.ch, the Swiss Initiative in Systems Biology will merge the strength of ETH Zurich, EPF Lausanne and the Universities of Basel, Berne, Geneva, Lausanne and Zurich. Read more about the background of SystemsX.ch here.

Pre-Announcement Call for Proposals

Zurich. 31.07.07. VDM. The main outlines of the call for proposals are published to inform and motivate research groups to organise themselves. The call for proposals will be published in about a month from now. Further details to be obtained here.

SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board completed

Zurich. 06.07.07. AK. On Friday, July 06, 2007, the Board of Directors elected five additional scientists for the SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board. The Board now consists of Ruedi Aebersold (Chair), Ron Appel, Konrad Basler, Denis Duboule, Susan Gasser, Vassily Hatzimanikatis, Laurent Keller, Luke Lee, Wolfgang Meier, Demetri Psaltis, Walter Senn, Amalio Telenti and Peter Widmayer.

More funds for research and education

Zurich. 20.06.2007. AK. On Tuesday, the Ständerat, the upper chamber of the Swiss Parliament was debating the federal budget for education, research and innovation for 2008 - 2011, some 21,2 Billion CHF. The Ständerat decided to increase the funds for research and education in 2008 - 2011 annually by 6% respective to the level of 2007. However, the motion of Fritz Schiesser, demanding a law which excludes all science relevant federal credits from subsequent cuttings for the period of 2008 - 2011 was rejected. More detailed information can be found here.

All-SystemsX.ch-Day on September 17, 2007

Zurich. 19.06.2007. AK. On September 17, 2007, an All-SystemsX.ch-Day will take place at EPF Lausanne. Aim of the event is the presentation of ongoing research at SystemsX projects and workshops to prepare the submission of proposals. More information can be found here.

Newly elected Scientific Executive Board

Zurich. 04.06.07. AK. In their conference of May 30, 2007, the future SystemsX.ch Board of Directors elected a core group of eight systems biology scientists into the SystemsX.ch Scientific Executive Board, namely Ruedi Aebersold (Chair), Ron Appel, Vassily Hatzimanikatis, Luke Lee, Walter Senn, Wolfgang Meier, Amalio Telenti and Konrad Basler. In a second round, four further scientists will be elected.

New Glue Projects and Scientific Nodes approved

Zurich. 16.04.2007. AK. Last week, the Partners Meeting of SystemsX fully approved two Glue Projects and a Scientific Node. They are namely GP-CISD, Center for Information Sciences and Databases; GP-BSF, the Biomolecular Screening Facility of EPFL as well as SN-CPHD, Center for Cell Plasticity and Stem Cell Biology in Health and Disease. GP-MOP, SN-SBOB and GP-MAB will be partly funded. For more information please download the Newsletter #9 here.

200 Million Swiss Francs for Swiss Systems Biology

Bern. 24.1.2007. thm. The Swiss federal council proposes to the federal parliament to devote 200 Million Swiss Francs to the advancement of systems biology during the years 2008-2011. 100 Million CHF shall go to SystemsX, the Swiss initiative in Systems Biology. Another 100 Million CHF are reserved for the Department of Biosystems Science & Engineering of ETH Zurich in Basel, writes the Swiss government in his Federal Message on Education, Research and Innovation for the years 2008-2011. The total sum planned to be spent in the framework of SystemsX in the years 2008-2011 by federal and cantonal universities and industry is about 460 Million CHF. SystemsX, which will evolve into SystemsX.ch from 2008, is hailed in the message as «substantial contribution to the advancement of innovation and to the enhancement of the work and research place Switzerland».

More information about the Federal Message on Education, Research and Innovation you find here.

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