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Network for Transdisciplinary Research

swiss-academies award for transdisciplinary research supported by Stiftung Mercator Schweiz

Call for Application 2010

Every two years, the td-net for Transdisciplinary Research grants the **swiss-academies award for transdisciplinary research** to an outstanding transdisciplinary research project by an individual or a research group. The award of CHF 75,000 is provided by the Stiftung Mercator Schweiz. It must be used for a follow-up project by the winner or the winning team.

The award is given in recognition of excellence and innovation in transdisciplinary research. It is an incentive to researchers of all fields to develop more integrative projects in order to better deal with the complexities of sociocultural, technological, economic, environmental and health issues whose causes and effects are not well understood or uncertain.

Based on the principles established by the td-net in dialogue with its national and international scientific community, the major qualities and ways by which a project may contribute to the enhancement and excellence of transdisciplinarity research are:

- a substantial contribution to knowledge production in the participating disciplines as well as to the building and transfer of solution-oriented research in the interest of a common good;
- a high level of awareness and a reflexive handling of the complexity of an issue – meaning the complex system of factors that together explain the issue's current state and its dynamic;
- integration of academic and non-academic perceptions and positions;
- participatory stakeholder and/or community engagement or policy development process;
- scientific and social contextualisation.

Projects that made path-breaking contributions to one or several of these aspects are eligible for this award. Furthermore, in order to be eligible, the applicant's project must be

- recently (not later than in 2008) or nearly completed;
- based at a Swiss university or research institute (even though the research may be carried out abroad).

The decision of the jury will be based upon the quality of the *completed* project (not on the follow-up project).

Application deadline: **2 April 2010**

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Manuela Rossini (rossini@scnat.ch).
Further information and the application form can be found on www.transdisciplinarity.ch.

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