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td-net for Transdisciplinary Research,
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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 and 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 but should also be 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 criteria to qualify a project as transdisciplinary and exemplary are:

- a substantial contribution to knowledge production in the participating disciplines (systems knowledge) as well as to the building and transfer of solution-oriented research (target and transformation knowledge) in the interest of a common good;
- a high level of awareness and reflexivity 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;
- contextualisation.

Furthermore, in order to be eligible for this award, the applicant's project must be

- recently (2010, 2009, 2008, not before) or nearly completed and
- 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.

