

Call for Proposals 2005
International Scientific Seminars: *Switzerland/South Africa*

DUE DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2005

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) - in co-operation with the National Research Foundation (NRF) - invites scientists in Switzerland and South Africa to submit proposals for

Joint Swiss-South African Scientific Seminars
to be held either in Switzerland or in South Africa between 1 June 06 and 31 May 07

(hereafter "the seminars")

Introduction

The seminars are generally aimed at strengthening the ties between Swiss and South African scientists. They provide a platform for the creation of new Swiss-South African networks which should subsequently result in intensified Swiss-South Africa research co-operation.

The seminars are targeted at the leading Swiss and South African scientists of any scientific field, who join each other from the various institutions that undertake relevant research activities in any field. Thus, the seminars are no funding mechanism for local undertakings (e.g. no funding of a local colloquium with foreign partners).

The SNSF and the NRF may select for funding up to three seminars from amongst the proposals submitted, on a competitive basis. The following criteria will be considered for evaluation:

- Scientific competence of the participants
- Relevance of the seminar's overall topic for Swiss-South African co-operation
- Potential of the seminar to enhance Swiss-South African research co-operation in a medium-term perspective

South African applicants are alerted to the fact that in evaluating proposals the NRF will also take into account its strategic parameters such as participants' demographics and or student training or capacity development.

As the seminars are seen as an incentive to create new Swiss-South African networks and research co-operations, they will be funded only on an individual basis (no funding of multi-annual series of seminars). However, SNSF and NRF may consider the possibility to support an existing Swiss-South African network with a second seminar being held on the same overall topic in the other country than where the first one took place.

Application

The application for a Seminar shall be drawn up jointly by the Swiss co-organizer (Swiss applicant) and by the South African co-organizer (the South African applicant).

Corresponding versions of the application shall be submitted to both organizations, the SNSF and the NRF, whereas the Swiss applicant shall be responsible for the submission to the SNSF and the South African applicant shall be responsible for the submission to the NRF.

The following documents – which can be obtained from the SNSF Website (<http://www.snf.ch/>) or requested from SNSF International Relations office – are needed for the elaboration of a proposal:

- Call for Proposals 2005: "International Scientific Seminars: *Switzerland/South Africa*"
- Proposal form: "International Scientific Seminar"
- Guidelines for the submission of a proposal: "International Scientific Seminars: *Switzerland/South Africa*"

Deadline for applicants at SNSF and NRF: Friday, 11 November 2005

Information on the outcome of the selection process may be available by the end of **March 2006**.

The proposal written **in English** is to be addressed in **two copies, loose-leaf** to:

Swiss National Science Foundation
International Relations
Wildhainweg 20, CH-3001 Berne

A corresponding version of the proposal in electronic format (specifically MS Word) via email (if the size of the document is less than 2 MB) or on CD ROM must be submitted.

Applications in South Africa should be submitted to the NRF in a hard copy format with the necessary signatures from the Research Designated Authority to:

Ms. Lee-Anne Seymour: email: Seymour@nrf.ac.za

International Science Co-operation Grants: GMSA

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In South Africa contact the NRF: International Co-operation Grants. Tel: +27-12- 481 4063, E-mail : Seymour@nrf.ac.za Or website: www.nrf.ac.za