HIGHLIGHTS

The goal of the Center is to enlarge the interaction of the academic community with the economic world in order to impact on societal challenges by enlarging its collaboration with key industries in the food and nutrition area as well as in domains such as agriculture and food security, food value chain management, food waste, well-being, health prevention and personalized diet

The mission remains enforcing the collaboration between its industrial consortium members and research laboratories through transdisciplinary research projects

Actually, out of the 2 first calls for proposals the center is running 11 pre-competitive projects and has the ambition to start 6 additional projects this year. The center plans to run a 3rd call early next year

These projects are funded by the center industrial consortium annual fees which are composed of 6 corporates: Nestlé, DuPont, M-Industry, BASF, Bühler and General Mills. Additional agreements are closed to be finalized with Firmenich and SICPA. Even more discussions are on-going with potential new members for 2016

The center is also active in getting direct bilateral funding from its consortium members through the launch of specific calls for proposals. These calls have a specific challenge to be tackled according to the company strategy. The center plans to emphasize such calls in the future in order to get larger projects granted

NEXT OPEN EVENT

The next event for the entire academic community is planned for the 23rd of September at 16h15 in the SV1717A room. 3 sessions are planned: talk of 3 industrials which will share their long term concerns in this area, presentation of 2 projects run at the center and introduction of the Swiss Agroscope activities

Please book your agenda! The event is followed by a networking BUFFET
Registrations are open, please send an e-mail to Stefan Meyer. The full agenda is available on the center webpage.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The center also aims to support access to external funding opportunities. There is actually 3 calls open:

1. ETHZ Sustainable in the Food Value Chain call no 3 from the Coop RP
   Themes: Sustainable intensification, diversity in food systems, food product improvement, value chain optimization, sustainable proteins;
   Swiss laboratories can apply with an ETHZ P.I. for a max. 2 years post-doc before the 1.11.2015
   http://www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/opportunities/wfs-grants/coop-program.html

2. ETHZ Organic production systems for food security call no 5 from the Mercator RP
   Swiss laboratories can apply with an ETHZ P.I. for a PhD student before the 1.11.2015
   http://www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/opportunities/wfs-grants/mercator-program.html

3. NRP 69 Healthy nutrition and sustainable food production call no 2
   Themes: How healthy and sustainable eating can be promoted, how enough high quality and safe food can be made available at an affordable price with optimal resources management and environmental impact
   Conclusion of projects should produce recommendations translatable into policies for the CH government
   Integrative and interdisciplinary proposals with industrial involvement are encouraged for large funding opportunities. Lol have to be send by the 31.10.2015 for a max. 25 months project starting in July 2016

Please contact Stefan Meyer, call guidelines, eligibility and call templates are available.