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Grants provide 3 years support for 2 – 4 member teams, with not more than one member from any one country, unless critical for the innovative nature of the project, which is an important selection criterion. Applicants may establish a local or national interdisciplinary collaboration as a component of an international team but will be considered as 1.5 team members for budgetary purposes. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to $450,000 per year. The principal applicant must be located in one of the member countries (Australia, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States) but co-investigators may be located in any country.

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Deadlines: Compulsory pre-registration, via the web site: March 22nd 2011
Submission of Letters of Intent: March 31st 2011