



RoFAR

Foundation for Anemia Research

Introduction

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The Roche Foundation for Anemia Research (RoFAR) *

- A medical research charity based in Switzerland
- Internationally active
- Independent
- Led by an independent Board of eight Trustees and a Scientific Advisory Board
- Encourages innovative research that will open new avenues in the study of anaemia, its mechanisms and outcomes
- Provides research grants to members of academic staff in universities and research institutes

** Donations of 16 million Swiss Francs were provided by F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd in 2004*

RoFAR supports not only anaemia research

RoFAR supports research in the following areas:

- Anaemia related to **kidney disease**
- Anaemia related to **oncology**
- Anaemia of **chronic disease**
- Anaemia related to **congestive heart failure** and **stroke**
- Effect of **erythropoietin** and erythropoietin-like substances as **protective drugs** in various target organs
- **Central resistance** to erythropoietin
- **Biology of anaemia** and outcomes

Grant programmes

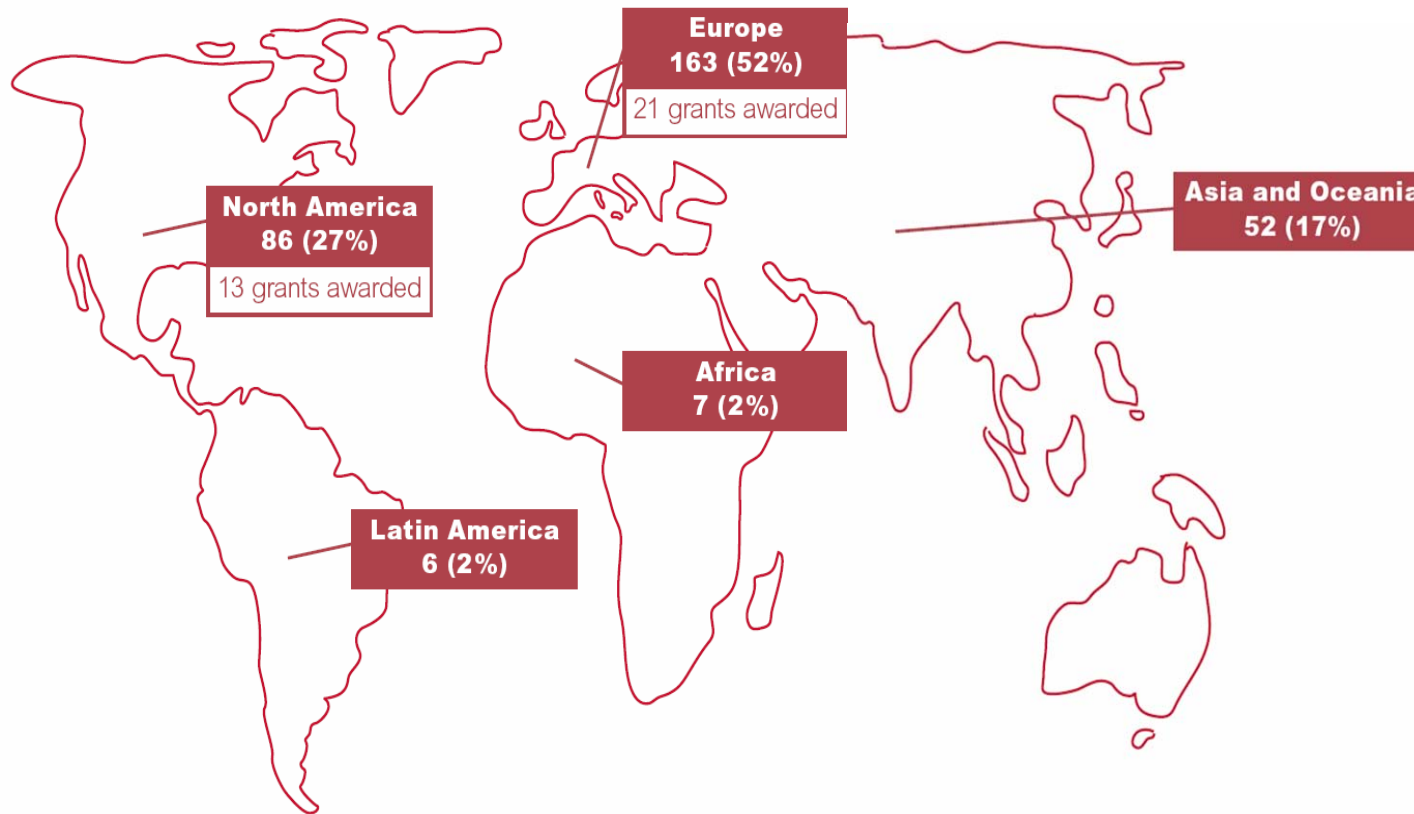
Regular grants

- Grants of **up to 200'000 Swiss Francs** over two years
- Competition cycles per year in June and November
- Next submission deadline: **24 June 2007** (cycle VII)

Special grants

- In addition to its regular research grant awards, up to **1.6 million Swiss Francs** are available in 2007 for a special competition cycle
- RoFAR is particularly interested in **innovative proposals**, involving established researchers, which provide proof of principle and/or **translational research**, i.e. studies that have the potential to be transferred into clinical practice
- Letters of intent must be submitted by **30 June 2007**

Submission breakdown



Submitted research proposals by

Study type	
Human trials	(52%)
Animal studies	(38%)
Others	(10%)

Research focus	
Nephrology	(42%)
Haematology	(41%)
Oncology	(17%)
Cardiology	(14%)
Others	(22%)
(multiple allowed)	

Gender of main applicant	
Males	(75%)
Females	(25%)

Institution type	
Universities & related	(98%)
Others	(2%)

Since 2004, RoFAR has awarded **34 grants** totalling over **7 million Swiss Francs**

Status: December 2006



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Conclusions

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Thank you for attending this symposium!

Submission deadlines

Cycle VII	24 June 2007
Cycle VIII	19 November 2007
Special cycle	30 June 2007

Please submit letters of intent electronically via our website

www.rofar.org

For more information, please visit our **booth no. 55 at WCN**
or contact us via e-mail at **admin@rofar.org**

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Questions & Answers

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