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Dear *Xenopus* Researchers,

As most of you know, there has been a Genetic and Genomic Analyses of *Xenopus* Program Announcement for the past three years. This program has provided support for a number of R01 projects that have, or will have, great impact on the *Xenopus* research community. That PAR expired with the last deadline in January 2008. **A renewal of this program has been in process at NIH for some time, and we write to let you know that it is probable that a renewal will be approved, and that the first deadline for submission may be as soon as the end of September if approval is forthcoming.** This approval process has come to our attention as part of the current discussion to generate a new White Paper to support resources from NIH. We thought that it might be helpful for planning purposes to spread the word about this possibility as quickly as we could, even though the approval is not certain, because the deadline may be so soon.

The new PAR will likely provide more opportunities than the previous one. Many Institutes will support not only R01 applications, but R03 and R24 applications as well (shorter term grants for exploratory work). The details for the various mechanisms and which Institutes will support which applications will only emerge in the final approved document. It would be advisable not to contact NIH staff at this time since they won't know any details yet, and the approval process is still ongoing. If more information becomes available we will pass it along, but once approved, the PAR should be available online.

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