56 Students to Attend SLAS2015 through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award Program

CHICAGO – In fulfillment of its mission to serve and cultivate life sciences research and development professionals around the world, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) is pleased to honor 56 undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and junior faculty members with the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award for SLAS2015, the Fourth Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, which will be held Feb. 7-11, 2015, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

These 56 students from 12 countries earned invitations to present their scientific achievements at SLAS2015 either as podium or poster presentations. Winners were determined by a panel of judges who conducted comprehensive evaluations of student abstract proposals and made selections based on scientific merit.

Through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award program, each recipient will receive roundtrip travel (coach airfare or mileage reimbursement), shared hotel accommodations and full conference registration (which includes access to 142 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 17 short courses, 300+ exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events). In addition, SLAS Young Scientist Award delegates are invited to enter their work in the SLAS2015 Student Poster Competition. Because of the program’s importance to the SLAS mission and global impact on students and prospective scientists, SLAS more than doubled the budget for the Tony B. Academic Travel Award program for the Society’s 2014-15 fiscal year.

“By encouraging and enabling the next generation of scientific researchers to pioneer innovative technology, the Tony B. Awards represent one of the most important aspects of the Society’s mission,” says SLAS President Daniel G. Sipes. “We consider the Tony B. Program to be a hallmark of SLAS. Not only does the program enable students from around the globe to participate and showcase their research in an important industry event, but it also provides a crucial component to the scientific program at our annual flagship conference.”
The Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2015 are:

**AUSTRALIA**
Amy Jones, Eskitis Institute for Drug Discovery

**BRAZIL**
Thiago Miguel Cardoso, Institute of Chemistry, Federal University of Goiás

**CANADA**
Samatha Grist, University of British Columbia
Lian Leng, University of Toronto

**CHINA**
Xianting Ding, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Pei Huang, Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Feifei Jia, School of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology, Tianjin University
Tao Pang, China Pharmaceutical University
Chaohui Sun, School of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Tianjin University
Yani Xu, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College

**FINLAND**
Prson Guatam, Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland (FIMM), University of Helsinki

**FRANCE**
Julien Duez, HRA Pharma laboratories - University Pierre and Marie Curie

**GERMANY**
Alexi Domnich, Fraunhofer IPA
Kamran Honarnejad, University of Bonn
Sabrina Kartmann, University of Freiburg
Martin Koch, Fraunhofer IPA

**INDIA**
Vishal Jain, Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences

**POLAND**
Agnieszka Michalczuk, Warsaw University of Technology
Ewelina Tomecka, Warsaw University of Technology
Rafal Urniaz, Medical University of Lublin

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SWEDEN
Mikael Evander, Lund University, Department of Biomedical Engineering

SWITZERLAND
Jonas Schaefer, University of Zurich

UNITED STATES
Marie-Elena Brett, University of Minnesota
Kevin Cash, Colorado School of Mines
Ilana Chefetz, University of Michigan
Chengpeng Chen, Michigan State University
Nancy Cheng, University of North Carolina
Jayme Dahlin, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
Maojun Gong, Wichita State University
Kent Gordon, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Bethany Gross, Michigan State University
David Guckenberger, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Vincent Huynh, University of Texas at Austin
Siddhartha Jain, Carnegie Mellon University
Dong-Ku Kang, University of California Irvine
Rajeshwari Taruvi Kalyana Kumar, University of Texas at Dallas
Joonyul Kim, Auburn University
David Kinnamon, University of Texas at Dallas
Kenji Kurita, University of California, Santa Cruz
Somin Eunice Lee, University of Michigan
Ming Li, Johns Hopkins University
Gregory Linshiz, Joint Genome Institute
Rujuta Munje, University of Texas at Dallas
Armin Nourani, University of Texas at Austin
Manasi Raje, UC Irvine
Anjan Panneer Selvam, University of Texas at Dallas
Jeongyun Seo, University of Pennsylvania
Ramanuja Simha, University of Delaware
Christopher Skipwith, Northeastern University
Chi Tang, University of Connecticut
Hossein Tavana, University of Akron
Andi Wangzhou, University of Texas at Dallas
Juwina Wijaya, UCLA
Tingting Xu, University of Tennessee Knoxville and Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Cynthia Yin, University of California, Los Angeles
Caroline Yuhas, University of Michigan

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The Tony B. Academic Travel Award program honors the late Tony Beugelsdijk, Ph.D. Beugelsdijk was an inspirational and iconic leader in the field of laboratory science and technology who served at the forefront of this discipline, guiding its early stages of creation and development and making an extraordinary impact on the SLAS community.

For more information about SLAS2015 or the Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, visit www.SLAS2015.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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