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SLAS2015 Welcomes Nearly 4,700 to Washington, DC

The first SLAS event in DC deemed a strong success

CHICAGO – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) welcomed 4,964 participants from 34 countries to SLAS2015, the Fourth Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, Feb. 7-11, 2015. This five-day annual event brings together scientists, academicians, business leaders and students from around the globe to gain new information, ideas and insight about laboratory science and technology.

“We’re extremely pleased with the attendance, program quality and connections facilitated this week at SLAS2015,” said Dean Ho, SLAS President. “We are so grateful for the contributions of our attendees, presenters, exhibitors and all who made SLAS2015 the great success it was.”

SLAS2015 marked the first-time SLAS has held this annual conference and exhibition in Washington, DC. The location enabled a select group of participants from the U.S. federal government to participate as presenters, panelists and attendees, highlighted by NIH Director Francis Collins, who delivered a keynote address on Wednesday, Feb. 11. “As a first-time location for this meeting, DC exceeded our expectations. We look forward to returning here in 2017, after SLAS2016 is held in San Diego next January.”

Award Winners from SLAS2015

As is the SLAS tradition, a host of distinctive awards were recognized at SLAS2015:

Student Poster Awards

- Poster #1026: Screening for Synergy of Resveratrol and Repurposed Drugs Towards Retinoblastoma
Kathryn Champ, Johns Hopkins University
- Poster #7018: A Microfluidic Device with Integrated Oxygen Sensors for the Cell-Based Screening of Cancer Treatments under Transient Hypoxia
Samantha Grist, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- Poster #5004: Utilizing Small Molecules to Study Mitochondria Presequence-degrading Protease
Juwina Wijaya, University of California Los Angeles

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New Product Awards

296 companies participated in the SLAS2015 Exhibition, 61 of which submitted new products to be considered for the SLAS2015 New Product Award. The winners included:

- BlueCatBio; Product: BlueWasher
- Sony Corporation; Product: Sony SI8000 Cell Motion Imaging System
- regenHU Ltd; Product: 3DDiscovery BioSafety Cabinet
- ReSyn Biosciences Pty Ltd; Product: MagReSyn

2015 SLAS Innovation Award

10 podium presentations were selected as finalists for the 2015 SLAS Innovation Award. The final round of judging took place during SLAS2015, when all presentations were evaluated based on a specific set of criteria. Following deliberations at the conference, **Jonathan Wingfield**, AstraZeneca, Cambridge, United Kingdom was selected as the 2015 SLAS Innovation Award Winner for his presentation, Novel Acoustic Loading of a Mass Spectrometer — Towards Next Generation High Throughput MS Screening. This presentation will be available as an on demand webinar in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to SLAS2016

SLAS2016, the Fifth Annual SLAS International Conference and Exhibition, will be held January 23-27 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA, USA. Short Courses will take place Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 23-24; the Exhibition and Conference will run Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 25-27. The latest information on SLAS2016 can be found at www.slas2016.org. For exhibit and sponsorship opportunities, contact SLAS Exhibits Manager Barry Sacks at bsacks@slas.org.

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