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“The Bee’s Knees” Wins 2015 JALA & JBS Art of Science Contest

Top Vote Getter Wins a \$500 Amazon Gift Card and SLAS2016 Registration from the Journal of Laboratory Automation (JALA) and the Journal of Biomolecular Screening (JBS)

CHICAGO – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) announces that Gary James Sarkis, PhD, scientific product support specialist with GE Healthcare in Piscataway, NJ (USA), is the grand prize winner of the 2015 JALA & JBS Art of Science Contest.

SLAS members and nonmembers voted at SLAS.org for their favorite of 10 finalists from Australia, China and the United States. “The Bee’s Knees” by Gary Sarkis shows the hidden detail and beauty that emerge when a bee’s leg is imaged in green, yellow and orange fluorescent light at 4X magnification on the Cytell Cell Imaging System. As the top vote-getter and grand prize winner, Sarkis received a \$500 Amazon gift card and a full registration to SLAS2016, Jan. 23-27, 2016, San Diego, CA. All finalists received an autographed copy of the book “*Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health*” by SLAS2015 keynote speaker Laurie Garrett, plus 60 days free online access to 100,000 peer-reviewed articles in the SAGE Pharmacology & Biomedical Collection.

Visualization plays an important role in the analysis and presentation of scientific work. In journal articles, images often communicate ideas and information in ways that text, tables, charts, graphs or equations cannot. Sometimes scientific images surpass this purpose and create shapes, patterns and designs that capture attention and imagination. Those are the 10 images represented by the 2015 JALA & JBS Art of Science Contest finalists Carla Alpert (two images); Hong Chen; John Holleran; Peng Li; Gary Sarkis (two images); Nandhinee Radha Shanmugam; William Walker; and Yu Shrike Zhang.

For more information and to view the grand prize winner and finalists, visit

<http://www.slas.org/publications/scientific-journals/2015-jala-jbs-art-of-science-contest-winners>.

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The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) is an international community of more than 15,000 individual scientists, engineers, researchers, technologists and others from academic, government and commercial laboratories. The SLAS mission is to be the preeminent global organization providing forums for education and information exchange and to encourage the study of, and improve the practice of laboratory science and technology. For more information, visit www.SLAS.org.

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*Specifically, **JALA** explores ways in which scientists adapt advancements in technology for scientific exploration and experimentation. In direct relation to this, **JBS** reports how scientists use adapted technology to pursue new therapeutics for unmet medical needs, including assay development, identification of chemical probes and target identification and validation in general.*

***Journal of Biomolecular Screening (JBS):** 2013 Impact Factor 2.012. Editor-in-Chief Robert M. Campbell, Ph.D., Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis, IN (USA).*

***Journal of Laboratory Automation (JALA):** 2013 Impact Factor 1.500. Editor-in-Chief Edward Kai-Hua Chow, Ph.D., University of Singapore (Singapore).*