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**SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards Program
Brings 60 Young Scientists from Around the World to SLAS2016**

CHICAGO – SLAS (Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening) has selected 60 students and early career professionals to present their scientific achievements at SLAS2016 as SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners.

These 60 undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and junior faculty members were selected by a panel of judges who conducted comprehensive evaluations of their abstract proposals and made selections based on scientific merit.

As SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners, they will travel from 16 different countries to SLAS2016, the Fifth Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, Jan. 23-17, 2016, in San Diego, CA. In addition to full conference registration (which includes access to 136 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 19 short courses, 300+ exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events), SLAS will provide each winner with roundtrip travel (coach airfare or mileage reimbursement) and shared hotel accommodations.

The SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2016 are:

Australia

John Bassett, The University of Queensland

Kate Jarman, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research

Carrie Lovitt, Griffith University

Todd Shelper, Griffith University

Brazil

Ellen Flávia Gabriel, Institute of Chemistry, Federal University of Goias

Richard Piffer, Soares de Campos, State University of Campinas

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Samantha Grist, University of British Columbia

S. Soroush Nasser, University of British Columbia

China

Xianting Ding, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Tao Pang, China Pharmaceutical University

Ying Wang, Fudan University

Li Zhang

Czech Republic

Michal Gulka, Czech Technical University in Prague

Denmark

Alexander Jönsson, University of Copenhagen

Germany

Anna Popova, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Elena Tavkin, Technical University of Dresden

Andrea Traube, Fraunhofer IPA

India

Talluri Siddhartha, Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeswara (JSS) University

Korea

Jungho Ahn, Seoul National University

Netherlands

Tijmen Booij, Leiden University

Vincent van Duinen, Leiden University

Marianne Vormann, Leiden University

Poland

Agnieszka Michalczuk, Warsaw University of Technology

Katarzyna Tokarska, Warsaw University of Technology

Ewelina Tomecka, Warsaw University of Technology

Singapore

Masturah Rashid, National University of Singapore

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South Korea

Sungsik Kim, Seoul National University

Dong Yoon Oh, Seoul National University

Spain

Esther Masiá Sanchis, Centro de Investigación Príncipe Felipe (CIPF)

Switzerland

Celeste Manfredonia, University Hospital of Basel

United States

Steven Corsello, Broad Institute

Yonghui Ding, University of Colorado at Boulder

Ashley Fancher, University of Pittsburgh

Nadiezda Fernandez-Oropeza, University of New Mexico

Christine Hong, University of California, Los Angeles School of Dentistry

Joo Hun Kang, Wyss Institute at Harvard University

Dong-Keun Lee, University of California, Los Angeles

Eugene Lee, University of California, Irvine

Kyungheon Lee, Massachusetts General Hospital

Dmitry Markov, Vanderbilt University

Xiu-Lei Mo, Emory University

Coleman Murray, University of California, Los Angeles

Armin Nourani, University of Texas at Austin Ellington Laboratory

Brunah Otieno, University of Connecticut

Michael Page

Anjan Panneer Selvam, University of Texas at Dallas

Amit Paul, University of Illinois at Chicago

Rishikesh Pandey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ivan Pushkarsky, University of California, Los Angeles

Nandhinee Radha Shanmugam, University of Texas at Dallas

Andrew Rennekamp, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Broad Institute

Joseph Siegel, University of Kansas

Rajeshwari Taruvai Kalyana Kumar, University of Texas at Dallas

Hossein Tavana, University of Akron

Allen Wang, University of Pittsburgh

Jessica Wen, University of California, Riverside

Tingting Xu, University of Tennessee Knoxville Center for Environmental Biotechnology and Institute of Biomedical Engineering

Ali Zarrinpar, University of California, Los Angeles

Ziyan Zhao, University of Connecticut

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The SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program is one example of SLAS's commitment to fostering the next generation of scientific thought-leaders. Other programs include the \$1 million SLAS Education Fund, SLAS Graduate Education Fellowship Grant Program, and SLAS Career Connections services and programs at SLAS.org.

For more information about SLAS2016, visit www.SLAS2016.org. For more information about SLAS, visit www.SLAS.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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***The SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards** honor Tony Beugelsdijk of Los Alamos National Laboratory, an Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA) co-founder who passed away in August, 2009. Tony played a very inspirational and instrumental role in laboratory robotics and made significant contributions to ALA, the former LabAutomation Conference and Exhibition, and the scientific community as a whole. SLAS is honored to remember him through a program that recognizes up-and-coming researchers who demonstrate outstanding achievement in life sciences R&D and technology.*