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SLAS Announces New Additions to Board of Directors

CHICAGO – SLAS, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening, has announced the three most recent additions to the Society's nine-member Board of Directors. Each of these new members will serve a three-year term, beginning at [SLAS2017](#), which starts February 4 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC, USA. Listed alphabetically, the newest SLAS Board members are:

Alan Fletcher, *PerkinElmer Discovery and Analytical Solutions; Hopkinton, MA (USA)*

Alan Fletcher is General Manager, Discovery Instruments and Reagents, for PerkinElmer Discovery and Analytical Solutions. He brings more than 30 years of professional experience in the life sciences industry. With PerkinElmer since 2008, he has held previous positions in the U.S. and Asia with GE Healthcare Life Sciences and Merck & Co. Fletcher earned a B.Sc. in Biochemistry from Surrey University in the U.K. and a Ph.D. in Biochemical Pharmacology from the University of London.

Cathy Tralau-Stewart, *University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA (USA)*

Cathy Tralau-Stewart is Associate Director, Catalyst Accelerator Program and Associate Professor Therapeutics at the University of California, San Francisco Clinical & Translational Science Institute. She possesses more than 30 years of drug discovery experience across both industry and academia. In her current role since 2014, previous experience includes professional roles with Imperial College London and GlaxoSmithKline. Tralau-Stewart graduated with a degree in Biology/Pharmacology from University of W. Midlands and earned a Ph.D. in Clinical Sciences from University College London.

Steve Young, *Arcus Biosciences; Hayward, CA (USA)*

Steve Young is Vice President, Technology, at Arcus Biosciences. To the SLAS Board, Young brings nearly 25 years of experience in scientific, technical and leadership positions. Prior to his role at Arcus, Young held positions in the U.S. and Europe with Flexus Biosciences (FLX Bio), Amgen, Tularik, Roche UK and GlaxoSmithKline. Young earned a B.Sc. and Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Bristol and a diploma in Business Administration from the Open University.

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Fletcher, Tralau-Stewart and Young will fill vacancies created by the completion of terms of three SLAS Board members: Richard Eglon, Corning Life Sciences; Alastair Binnie, Bristol-Meyers Squibb; and Michael Snowden, AstraZeneca.

“SLAS is extremely proud and fortunate to welcome Cathy, Alan and Steve to the Society’s Board of Directors,” said 2016 SLAS President Richard Eglon. “They each bring impressive experience and a unique perspective to our leadership team and I have no doubt that they will excel in their new roles. Their commitment to serve our members – and the life sciences industry at large – is most appreciated.”

The selection process of new Board members was led by the [SLAS Nominations Committee](#). The process considered a host of factors, including professional qualifications, experience, commitment to the Society, and the ability to serve. The confirmation process for Fletcher, Tralau-Stewart and Young began with an open call for nominations in September 2016. In November, final recommendations were approved by the SLAS Board of Directors and then presented by slate to the SLAS membership for consideration.

SLAS is an international community of more than 20,000 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 life science research and development discovery and technology. For more information, visit www.SLAS.org.