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**SLAS Publishes its 2014 Annual Report: Integrated Impact**

**CHICAGO** – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) has just published “Integrated Impact: The 2014 SLAS Annual Report.” Among the highlights noted in the report, now publicly available at the *SLAS Electronic Laboratory Neighborhood* e-zine at [www.eln.slas.org](http://www.eln.slas.org), is that the ranks of SLAS members and stakeholders now includes more than 22,000 individual life science R&D professionals from 104 countries.

As evidenced in the report, SLAS had a very productive year in 2014. Solid membership growth, the continued success of its flagship conference, and increased activities in Europe and Asia, in particular, allowed the organization to actively pursue its mission of providing “forums for education and information exchange to encourage the study of, and improve the science and practice of, laboratory automation and screening.”

A major objective of SLAS in 2014 was to better serve its *global* membership on a *local* basis. Towards that end, SLAS completed the implementation of Regional Councils on the three continents where the Society maintains business offices. “The synergy between the SLAS Americas Council, SLAS Asia Council, SLAS Europe Council and the SLAS Board of Directors nurtures thoughtful growth by creating a leadership and membership infrastructure that ensures global synergy, integration and coordination,” states SLAS CEO Gregory F. Dummer in his prelude to the Annual Report. “Together these SLAS leadership entities strengthen the Society’s influential position in the scientific community and deliver increased value to individual SLAS members everywhere.”

Highlights among SLAS activities in 2014 include:

- The launch of a brand new Americas Council
- A notable increase in research and content available on demand, including manuscripts from the Society’s two scientific Journals (the *Journal of Biomolecular Screening* and the *Journal of Laboratory Automation*), and an expanded archive of educational webinars
- Technology infrastructure upgrades resulting in a more robust online member directory and members only pages of SLAS.org available in mobile-friendly responsive design
- Increased programming and resources for students and young scientists, including the formation of a new Advisory Committee dedicated to serve this audience specifically
- Enhanced career services, including workshops at SLAS events and an improved online job board to serve members during off-work hours.

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