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# SLAS Young Scientist Awards Program Will Bring Researchers from England, Scotland and the US to SLAS2014 in San Diego

CHICAGO – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) Young Scientist Awards Program will honor achievement by three students at SLAS2014, the Third Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, which will be held Jan. 18-22, 2014, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif., USA.

Undergraduate students, graduate students and post-doctoral students from around the world compete for these prestigious SLAS awards annually by authoring poster presentations that received top honors at events presented by allied scientific organizations, including the European Laboratory Robotics Interest Group (U.K.), Institute of Food Technologists (U.S.) and MipTec (Switzerland).

"Continued advancement of the laboratory science and technology field depends on new technologies, new ideas and new thought leaders," SLAS President Jeff Paslay said. "The SLAS Young Scientist Awards Program is another excellent example of how SLAS reaches out to the next generation of talent."

Other examples include the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, SLAS Student Poster Competition, SLAS Career Connections program, SLAS Student Internship program and deeply discounted student memberships.

The SLAS Young Scientist Awards Program delegates are:

#### From ELRIG, the European Laboratory Robotics Interest Group (www.elrig.org)

Kris Wilson of the University of Edinburgh (Scotland, United Kingdom) for "A Novel High Throughput Drug Screening Technique Targeting Human Kynurenine 3-Monooxygenase

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## From IFT, the Institute of Food Technologists (<u>www.ift.org</u>)

Shintaro Pang of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass. (U.S.) for "Detection and Discrimination of Multi-Pesticides Using Single Aptamer-Based Surface Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy"

### From MipTec (<a href="http://www.miptec.ch/">http://www.miptec.ch/</a>)

Eyram Adjogatse of the University College London (England, United Kingdom) for "Multiple Drug Design Strategies for the Discovery of New Treatments for Human African Trypanosomiasis"

Each SLAS Young Scientist Award delegate receives a \$500 cash prize, roundtrip airfare to SLAS2014, shared hotel accommodations and full conference registration (which includes access to 130 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 17 short courses, 300+ exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events). In addition, SLAS Young Scientist Award delegates are invited to enter their work in the SLAS2014 Student Poster Competition.

For more information about SLAS2014 or the SLAS Innovation Award program, visit SLAS2014.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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.

**SLAS2014** is the Third Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition. SLAS2014 will be held Jan. 18-22, 2014, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA, USA. This five-day event brings together 5,500 scientists, academicians, business leaders and students from around the globe to gain new information, ideas and insight about laboratory science and technology. SLAS2014 will feature 130 podium presentations, 300+ poster presentations, 17 short courses, 300+ exhibitors and scores of other workshops, meetings and special events. For more information, visit www.slas2014.org.

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