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**SLAS partners with Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute to host
satellite symposium in conjunction with SLAS2014**

CHICAGO – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) today announced a partnership with Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute for the Institute to hold a satellite symposium in connection with SLAS2014, the Third Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Society. SLAS2014 will be held January 18-22, 2014, at the San Diego Convention Center.

This symposium will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, January 19, at the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine in La Jolla, California. The scientific program will be focused on stem cell and regenerative medicine research, and will feature multiple educational sessions delivered by prominent investigators from Sanford-Burnham, the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and elsewhere, along with a tour of the facility. Admission to this symposium will be complimentary to SLAS2014 registrants.

“SLAS is proud to partner with a research institute as prestigious as Sanford-Burnham to deliver value-added programming to attendees of our annual conference,” said Jeff Paslay, president of SLAS. “Our complementary missions centered on education and innovation for scientific research make this a natural alliance from which all participants will undoubtedly benefit.”

“Sanford-Burnham looks forward to hosting this unique satellite program in connection with SLAS2014,” said Christian Hassig, Ph.D., director of drug discovery at Sanford-Burnham. “Considering their front-line roles in research, academia and industry, SLAS participants represent an ideal professional audience to expand collaborative work in stem cell research and facilitate its translation into clinical therapies.”

In addition to SLAS and Sanford-Burnham, this symposium is made possible through the support of its sponsors: Cellular Dynamics International (CDI), DiscoverRx and HighRes Biosolutions. Complete event details, including titles and presenters, are scheduled to be available on SLAS2014.org by September, 2013.

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About the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening

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. For information about SLAS2014, visit www.slas2014.org.

About Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute

Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute is dedicated to discovering the fundamental molecular causes of disease and devising the innovative therapies of tomorrow. Sanford-Burnham takes a collaborative approach to medical research with major programs in cancer, neurodegeneration, diabetes, and infectious, inflammatory, and childhood diseases. The Institute is recognized for its National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center and expertise in drug discovery technologies. Sanford-Burnham is a nonprofit, independent institute that employs 1,200 scientists and staff in San Diego (La Jolla), California, and Orlando (Lake Nona), Florida. For more information, visit us at sanfordburnham.org.

About the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine

The Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine was formed in 2006 to catalyze stem-cell research collaboration by building and operating a new facility specifically designed for productive, multi-disciplinary scientific collaborations. This new "collaboratory" enables scientists from Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, UC San Diego, the Salk Institute, the La Jolla Institute for Allergy & Immunology, and The Scripps Research Institute to work side by side on harnessing the regenerative power of stem cells to diagnose, treat, and one day cure degenerative diseases and injuries. In November 2011, the Sanford Consortium opened its state-of-the-art, 150,000 sq. ft. research building on the Torrey Pines Mesa in La Jolla (San Diego), Calif. Go to sanfordconsortium.org for more information.