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## **SLAS and ACS San Diego Section Announce Extensive Partnership for SLAS2014**

**CHICAGO** – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) today announced a partnership with the American Chemical Society (ACS) San Diego Section centered upon collaborative activities related to SLAS2014. [SLAS2014](#), the Third Annual Conference and Exhibition of SLAS, will be held January 18-22, 2014, at the San Diego Convention Center.

As mission-driven organizations that serve a mutual audience of professional scientists, SLAS and ACS San Diego have agreed to collaborate on several projects leading up to and taking place at SLAS2014. These include cross-organizational communications, optimizing the conference scientific program, peer networking at the conference, and student mentoring and assisting emerging scientific professionals. As part of this alliance, ACS San Diego will serve as the exclusive sponsor of an all-attendee lunch at SLAS2014 on Tuesday, January 21.

The Mentorship Program at SLAS2014 will benefit students and emerging professionals by connecting them with established scientists and others who can provide career advice to those aspiring to a career in laboratory science. In addition to helping to expand personal networks, SLAS and ACS representatives will be available throughout SLAS2014 to discuss their own career experiences and offer insights to young professionals on how to best position themselves for a successful career.

“ACS San Diego is a vital organization with whom SLAS shares a similar vision, namely, to help scientists and researchers be more successful,” said Jeff Paslay, president of SLAS. “By joining forces on key areas like educational programming and networking at SLAS2014, our goal is to benefit as many current and aspiring scientists that we can. Learning from each others’ experiences, mentoring and discussing scientific innovation are all hallmarks of SLAS. Expanding our community with ACS members will only enrich the participation experience for all who attend SLAS2014.”

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“ACS San Diego looks forward to working closely with SLAS to make SLAS2014 even more world-class than this annual conference already is,” said Mark Tichenor, Chair-elect, ACS San Diego Section. “With more than 2,700 active members, we know very well how vital this local scientific community is, and how quick our members are to share insights and help fellow scientists. SLAS2014 presents another ideal venue to showcase exceptional talent, encourage intra-community dialogue, and provide scientists the information and connections to make a meaningful difference for themselves and their organizations.”

The latest information on SLAS2014 can be found at [www.SLAS2014.org](http://www.SLAS2014.org) as it is announced. Attendee registration will be available in August 2013. The complete scientific program will be published in September.

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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](http://www.SLAS.org). For information about SLAS2014, visit [www.slas2014.org](http://www.slas2014.org).*

**About the American Chemical Society**

*With more than 163,000 members, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world’s largest scientific society and one of the world’s leading sources of authoritative scientific information. A nonprofit organization, chartered by Congress, ACS is at the forefront of the evolving worldwide chemical enterprise and the premier professional home for chemists, chemical engineers and related professions around the globe. The vision of ACS is “Improving people’s lives through the transforming power of chemistry.” For more information, visit [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org).*