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**Now Open, Early Registration Provides Access to Unprecedented Personal Programs,
Hotel and Travel Arrangements at SLAS2013**

CHICAGO – July 23, 2012 – Registration for SLAS2013 — the Second Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition—is now open online at <http://www.slas2013.org>. Mark your calendar as this annual event is being held earlier than usual—January 12-16, 2013, in Orlando, Florida.

All registered participants staying at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center, the official hotel of SLAS2013, and who book their stay by December 13, 2012, will be entered into a drawing. Fifty winners will be chosen to receive up to \$200 off their hotel costs—\$50 off each night, for up to four nights during their stay.

Additionally, participants can secure other exclusive hotel and dining discounts only at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center and anyone flying to the conference is eligible to receive a five percent discount on American Airlines air travel. For more information about these discounted rates and special savings, please visit: <http://slas2013.org>. The Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center is one of the area's premier destinations, having been recently and beautifully renovated and offering new, affordable and casual dining options among many other upgrades.

More than 4,500 participants will come together at SLAS2013 to learn, explore and gain repeatable inspiration from colleagues in the field. In addition, more than 300 multinational companies from around the world showcasing their greatest laboratory science and technology products and services will be exhibiting and on hand to talk with participants ready to touch and feel the latest and most innovative technologies.

Areas of focus include drug discovery and development, informatics, clinical diagnostics, food and agricultural sciences, forensics and security sciences, petrochemicals and energy, and consumer products.

In addition to discounted individual member registration rates, SLAS is also pleased to offer group discounts. A discount of 20 percent off of each full-conference registration is available for groups of five (5) registrants from the same company who are registered at the same time. This discount program is only available to those who pre-register. Registration for the conference is also available to SLAS student members at a reduced rate of \$25 and non-member students at

\$50. There are a number of programs at SLAS2013 focused exclusively on students and early career professionals.

So that all participants can make the most of conference attendance, the SLAS website features Career Connections and The Market Place, both resources specifically designed to help facilitate relationships in advance of arrival in Orlando. Visit <http://www.slas.org/> to learn more about leveraging these resources prior to and while at SLAS2013 in Orlando.

This year's agenda features three keynote speakers, each with a distinct perspective on laboratory science and technology.

Mehmet Toner, Ph.D. will present "Bioengineering and Clinical Applications of the Circulating Tumor Cell Microchip" on Monday, January 14. Dr. Toner is the Helen Andrus Benedict Professor of Biomedical Engineering at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School and Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology. His presentation will share his integrated strategy to simultaneously advance the engineering and microfluidics of CTC-Chip development, the biology of these rare cells and the potential clinical applications of circulating tumor cells.

Sir Harold Kroto, Ph.D. will present "Science and Society in the 21st Century" on Tuesday, January 15. Dr. Kroto is a Francis Eppes Professor of Chemistry at Florida State University, where he is carrying out research in nanoscience and cluster chemistry. In 1996, Dr. Kroto was one of three recipients of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, an honor that resulted from his 1985 laboratory experiments that uncovered the existence of C60 Buckminsterfullerene, a new form of carbon.

Charles Sabine will present "A Perspective on Living with Huntington's Disease" on Wednesday, January 16. Mr. Sabine is an Emmy-award-winning television journalist for NBC News and a spokesperson for patients, and their families, suffering from neurodegenerative disease. In his presentation Mr. Sabine will share his thoughts on the importance of work that occurs within laboratories and the need for scientists to realize how any research is valued by patients and their families.

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