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Nominations Now Being Accepted for The 2014 JALA 10

CHICAGO – The *Journal of Laboratory Automation (JALA)* is now accepting nominations for The 2013 JALA Ten. An official journal of the Society of Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS), JALA annually names The JALA Ten to honor of the top-10 technological breakthroughs that made seminal impact toward addressing key biological and medical quandaries.

The JALA Ten embraces a spectrum of fields that include but are not limited to laboratory automation, robotics, drug discovery, drug screening, novel therapeutic strategies and delivery technologies, diagnostics, nanotechnology, nanomedicine, microtechnology as it relates to biology and medicine, novel characterization techniques and more.

Nominations are open to SLAS members and nonmembers, and self-nominations are welcome. A JALA Ten Selection Committee, comprising members of the JALA Editorial Board and other professionals from the broader science and engineering community with representation from the academic, corporate and government sectors, will evaluate all nominations received. The committee will specifically search for work that has generated profound impact on the general fields of biology and medicine. Fundamental and applied breakthroughs are eligible, and all fields of innovation with specific relevance toward biology and medicine will be considered.

Nominations should be e-mailed before Oct. 1, 2013, to nhallock@slas.org. Nominations must include:

1. **SHORT DESCRIPTION:** A concise and original 100-word description of the work and a representative image (photo or illustration with appropriate reprinting permissions). If selected, both will be included in a feature story about The JALA Ten that will be published in JALA.
2. **MORE INFORMATION:** A 500-word detailed report that explains to the selection committee why the nominated work merits selection to the The JALA Ten.
3. **CITATION:** Nominations must have been officially published (online publication is acceptable) in a peer-reviewed publication to ensure that its technical merit has been previously evaluated, and the full citation in ACS style must be provided.

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In its 18th year of peer-reviewed publication, the *Journal of Laboratory Automation* (JALA) publishes six issues each year and has an impact factor of 1.457, ranking it 49 out of 75 in the Analytical Chemistry category; and 58 out of 75 in the Biochemical Research Methods category (Thomson Reuters Journal Citation Reports for 2012). JALA is published by SLAS in partnership with SAGE Publications. For more information, please visit www.slas.org/publications/journals.cfm.

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Specifically, JALA explores ways in which scientists adapt advancements in technology for scientific exploration and experimentation. In direct relation to this, JBS reports how scientists use adapted technology to pursue new therapeutics for unmet medical needs, including assay development, identification of chemical probes and target identification and validation in general.