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**46 Students Will Travel to SLAS2014 Through the
SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards Program**

CHICAGO – In service of its educational mission and to serve life sciences R & D professionals around the world, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) honors 46 undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and junior faculty members with SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards for 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.

These 46 students from 10 different countries earned invitations to present their scientific achievements at SLAS2014. Winners were determined by a panel of judges who conducted comprehensive evaluations of student abstract proposals and made selections based on scientific merit.

Through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, each will receive roundtrip travel (coach airfare or mileage reimbursement), 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.

“The Tony B. Awards reflect the heart of the SLAS mission by encouraging the next generation of scientific thought leaders to explore the future of laboratory science and technology,” says SLAS President Jeff Paslay. “Everyone in the Society is proud of this program. Conference attendees especially enjoy meeting the winners, talking with them about research ideas and sharing seasoned guidance and career advice.”

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The Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2014 are:

BRAZIL

Paulo de Tarso Garcia – Federal University of Goias

CHINA

Youxin Li – Tianjin University

Xiaojing Liu – Tianjin University

DENMARK

Josiane Laffleur – University of Copenhagen

FINLAND

Arjan van Adrichem – University of Helsinki Institute for Molecular Medicine

INDIA

Rizwan Basha Khatwal – JSS College of Pharmacy

ITALY

Mariafrancesca Scalise – University of Calabria

POLAND

Magdalena Czekalska – Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Tomasz Kaminski – Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Witold Postek – Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences

SWEDEN

Simon Ekström – Lund University

Kishore Kumar Jagadeesan – Lund University

UK

Brett Litten – Manchester University

USA

Andrew Aijian – University of California, Los Angeles

Daphne Bazopoulou – University of Michigan

Brian Bender – University of California, Los Angeles

Kevin Cash – Northeastern University

Ken Cheng – NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

Ricky Chiu – University of California, Los Angeles

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Jon Craven – The University of Texas at Dallas
Zachary Dean – University of Arizona
Jayda Erkal – Michigan State University
Navid Ghorashian – The University of Texas at Austin
Dulan Gunasekara – University of Kansas
Chia-Wen Hsu – NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
Hyundoo Hwang – Georgia Institute of Technology
Michael Jacobs – The University of Texas at Dallas
Abhishek Jain – Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard University
Mais Jebrail – Sandia National Laboratories
Razieh Kebriaei – Wayne State University
Gregory Linshiz – Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory/Joint Bioenergy Institute
Yanli Liu – Sandia National Laboratories
Sarah Lockwood – Michigan State University
Yi Lu – University of Arizona
Meghana Pamidighantam – The University of Texas at Dallas
Anjan Panneer Selvam – The University of Texas at Dallas
Dhara Patel – Washington University in St. Louis
Timothy Ruckh – Northeastern University
Aleidy Silva – University of California, Los Angeles
Jian Sun – University of Arizona
Wei Sun – NIH National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences
Emily Walsh – New York University School of Medicine
Hann Wang – University of California, Los Angeles
Shue Wang – University of Arizona
Meiye Wu – Sandia National Laboratories
Cynthia Yin – University of California, Los Angeles

SLAS invests \$50,000 annually in the Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program. Other examples of how SLAS works in support of young talent include the SLAS Young Scientist Awards program, SLAS Student Poster Competition, SLAS Career Connections program, SLAS Student Internship program and deeply discounted student memberships.

The Tony B. Academic Travel Awards honor the late Tony Beugelsdijk, Ph.D. Beugelsdijk was an inspirational and iconic leader in the field of laboratory science and technology who served at the forefront of this discipline, guiding its early stages of creation and development and making an extraordinary impact on the SLAS community.

For more information about SLAS2014 or the Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, visit SLAS2014.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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