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45 Students will Travel to SLAS2013 Through the SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards Program

CHICAGO—October 24, 2012—In service of its mission to encourage the study of laboratory automation and screening, the Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) honors 45 undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty members with SLAS Tony B. Academic Travel Awards for SLAS2013, the Second Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, which will be held January 12-16, 2013, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando, FL, USA.

45 students from 12 different countries earned invitations to present their scientific achievements at SLAS2013. 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. Winners were determined by a panel of judges who conducted comprehensive evaluations of student abstract proposals and made selections based on scientific merit.

“SLAS invests \$50,000 in this important annual program. 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 Dave Dorsett.

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

The Tony B. Academic Travel Award winners for SLAS2013 are:

AUSTRALIA

- ImanAzimi - University of Queensland; Brisbane , Australia

BRAZIL

- FabricioRibeiro De Souza - Federal University of Goiás; Goiânia, Brazil

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CANADA

- Steve Shih - University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

GERMANY

- Dong Liang - Institut für Mikro- und Informationstechnik; Freiburg, Germany
- Laurent Tanguy-Imtek - University of Freiburg; Freiburg, Germany

INDIA

- Krishnakumar Duraisamy - The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University; Erode, India
- Jawahar Natarajan - JSS College of Pharmacy; Ooty, Tamil, Nadu, India

ITALY

- Rosaria Benedetti-Sun - University of Naples; Naples, Italy

POLAND

- Karolina Blaszczyk - Warsaw University of Technology; Warsaw, Poland
- Elzbieta Jastrzebska (Jedrych) - Warsaw University of Technology; Warsaw, Poland
- Kamil Zukowski - Warsaw University of Technology; Warsaw, Poland

SINGAPORE

- Edward Chow - National University of Singapore ; Singapore

SOUTH KOREA

- Olufemi Adeluyi - Computer Systems Lab; Gwangju, South Korea

SWITZERLAND

- Benjamin Rappaz - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne; Lausanne, Switzerland

THE NETHERLANDS

- Tijmen Booij - Universiteit Leiden; Leiden, The Netherlands
- Leo Price - Leiden-Amsterdam Center for Drug Research; Leiden , The Netherlands

UNITED STATES

- Maria Aitken - The Scripps Research Institute; Jupiter, Florida, United States
- Ahmet Arslan - University of Illinois at Chicago; Chicago, Illinois, United States
- Narahara Chari Dingari - Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States
- Maojun Gong - Wichita State University; Wichita, Kansas, United States
- Victoria Holderby - The University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, Texas, United States
- Michael Jacobs - The University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, Texas, United States
- Kalyani Jambunathan - SRI International; Harrisonburg, Virginia, United States

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- ChaturaJayakody - University of North Carolina; Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
- Gregory Linshiz - Joint BioEnergy Institute; Emeryville, California, United States
- Yanli Liu - Sandia National Labs; Livermore, California, United States
- Andrew MacConnell - The Scripps Research Institute; Jupiter, Florida, United States
- Sourav Mukherjee - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States
- Coleman Murray - University of California; Los Angeles, California, United States
- SamilaNasrollahi - University of Akron; Akron, Ohio, United States
- Kelly Owens - University of Washington; Seattle, Washington, United States
- VineetPadia - National Institutes of Health National Center for Advancing Translational Science; Rockville, Maryland, United States
- Dhara Patel - Washington University in St. Louis; St. Louis, Missouri, United States
- Amit Paul - University of Illinois at Chicago; Chicago, Illinois, United States
- Adam Roberts - University of North Carolina; Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
- Tim Ruckh - Northeastern University; Boston, Massachusetts, United States
- Michael Santillo- U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Laurel, Maryland, United States
- Kristen Schexnayder - University of New Orleans; New Orleans, Louisiana, United States
- AnjanPanneerSelvam - The University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, Texas, United States
- AnandSrinivasan - The University of Texas at San Antonio; San Antonio, Texas, United States
- Krishna Mohan Vattipalli - The University of Texas at Dallas; Richardson, Texas, United States
- Uma Vempati - University of Miami; Miami, Florida, United States
- Cameron Wood - University of North Carolina; Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United States
- Yang Wu - University of New Mexico; Albuquerque; New Mexico, United States
- JieXu - Washington State University, Vancouver, Washington, United States

For more information about SLAS2013 or the Tony B. Academic Travel Awards program, visit SLAS2013.org or contact SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or e-mail slas@slas.org.

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