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**“Drug Discovery Science and Laboratory Technology”
Third Annual SLAS Asia Conference to be Held in Shanghai, June 2013**

CHICAGO – The Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) will present the Third Annual SLAS Asia Conference and Exhibition in Shanghai, China, June 5-7, 2013, at the Grand Hyatt Shanghai. Details about the event are available in Chinese and English at www.asia-slas.org/conference.

The conference, which will be presented in English, is themed “Drug Discovery Science and Laboratory Technology.” The keynote address, “Nano-flares for the Analysis of Circulating Cancer Cells,” will be presented by Chad A. Mirkin, Ph.D., of Northwestern University in Evanston, IL (USA).

Dr. Mirkin is the Director of the International Institute for Nanotechnology, the George B. Rathmann Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor of Materials Science & Engineering, and Professor of Medicine. He is a world renowned nanoscience expert, who is known for his development of spherical nucleic acid (SNA) nanoparticle conjugates, nanoparticle-based biodetection schemes, the invention of Dip-Pen Nanolithography, and contributions to supramolecular chemistry. He is the author of over 500 manuscripts and over 444 patents worldwide, and the founder of four companies that are commercializing nanotechnology applications in the life science and semiconductor industries. At present, he is listed as the most cited chemist in the world (Thomson Reuters), and the top most cited nanomedicine researcher in the world (Nanomedicine Registry).

Dr. Mirkin has been recognized for his accomplishments with over 80 national and international awards. These include an Honorary Degree from Nanyang Technological Univ. Singapore, recognition as the Lee Kuan Yew Distinguished Visitor to Singapore, an Honorary Professorship from Hunan Univ. China, and an Einstein Professorship of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He is a member of U.S. President Obama’s Council of Advisors on Science & Technology and the only chemist (one of only 11 scientists, engineers, and medical doctors) to be elected to all three U.S. National Academies (the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Engineering). Dr. Mirkin also serves SLAS as a Scientific Advisor for the *Journal of Laboratory Automation*.

On June 6 and 7, 26 speakers will make scientific presentations relating to five educational tracks:

- Screening for Novel Biological Mechanisms and Disease Targets
- Translational Medicine Basic Research
- Assay Development and Screening
- Exploring Biological Systems Using Micro/Nano Technology
- Drug Discovery Science

Plus, a special closing session will showcase presentations by four of the prestigious 2013 SLAS Innovation Award finalists from SLAS2013, the Second Annual SLAS Conference and Exhibition, which will be held Jan. 12-16 in Orlando, FL (USA).

More than 40 multinational companies are expected to participate as exhibitors, demonstrating new technologies and sharing information about new services.

Preceding the conference on June 5, three optional SLAS Short Courses will be presented in collaboration with WuXi AppTec, a leading global contract research outsourcing provider. These two-hour courses will explore current trends in three important areas and will be presented in English by scientists from WuXi AppTec Shanghai.

- High-Throughput Screening in Drug Discovery
Instructor: Qing Xu
- Cell-Based Assay Development in Oncology Drug Discovery
Instructor: Yuhong Shen, Ph.D.
- Receptor Biology: Correlate In-Vitro Potency with In-Vivo Efficacy
Instructor: Siyuan Le, Ph.D.

Members of the Third Annual SLAS Asia Conference and Exhibition Program Committee include:

- Xiaoming Guan, Ph.D., of GlaxoSmithKline in Shanghai, China
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- Yao-Chang Xu, Ph.D., of Hansoh Pharmaceutical Group in Shanghai, China

The Second Annual SLAS Asia Conference and Exhibition in 2012 welcomed 492 participants from China and 13 other countries. Themed “Advances in Drug and Life Sciences R&D through Laboratory Technology,” it featured scientific presentations by 29 experts organized within three topical areas. The exhibition showcased 41 multinational companies.

“Asia is a dominant force in shaping the future of scientific innovation,” says SLAS Chief Executive Officer Gregory F. Dummer, C.A.E. “We are delighted and encouraged that so many of the region’s scientific leaders recognize the value of joining our scientific community. Their participation in our conference, exhibition and Society greatly enhances the power and potential of SLAS as an international intersection for scientists, engineers, students and other laboratory research professionals.”

For more information, visit www.asia-slas.org/conferences or contact the SLAS Asian Office at +86.21.51081513 or asia@slas.org; or contact the SLAS Global Headquarters at +1.877.990.SLAS (5727) or slas@slas.org.

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