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ALA and Pittcon Join Forces Putting Students Front and Center

ALA Young Scientist Poster Award to be presented at PITTCON 2010, February 28-March 5, 2010 in Orlando, Florida, USA

CHICAGO – The Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA) is pleased to announce an education-based collaboration with Pittcon focusing on student research involving unique and compelling laboratory automation.

According to ALA President Erik Rubin, this new alliance with Pittcon advances both organizations' educational missions and grows support of students in the laboratory sciences.

“ALA is a unique international scientific organization dedicated to advancing science and education related to laboratory automation,” said Rubin. “In collaborating with Pittcon, we are advancing our mission by reaching those individuals just beginning their research careers in laboratory sciences; the students.”

The winner of the ALA Young Scientists Poster Award, selected from the student presenters in a special poster session sponsored by ALA at Pittcon 2010, receives \$1,000.00 (USD) and will be featured in ALA's award-winning, peer-reviewed scientific journal: *Journal of the Association for Laboratory Automation (JALA)*. **Pittcon 2010** is slated for February 28-March 5 at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL. ALA's annual conference and exhibition **LabAutomation2010** is set for January 23-27 at the Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, CA.

According to Pittcon 2010 President, Annette Wilson, Ph.D., collaborative programs with scientific societies such as ALA help to nurture the next generation of young scientists entering the global market place.

“We are committed to cultivating education across all the industries and disciplines serving the laboratory sciences and providing an outlet and the resources for student growth,” said Wilson. “Award programs such as the ALA Young Scientist Poster Award ultimately bring students and professional scientists together fostering excellent dialogue and even more learning opportunities.”

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To learn more about Pittcon 2010 visit www.pittcon.org.

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