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**Boston Scientific Co-Founder John Abele
Headlines LabAutomation2009 Plenary Series**

13th Annual Premier Event is January 24-28, 2009 in Palm Springs, CA, USA

CHICAGO – The Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA), a multi-disciplinary, non-profit scientific association spanning diverse industries and technology sectors, announced today that Boston Scientific Corporation Co-Founder John Abele is the lead plenary speaker for **LabAutomation2009**, Jan. 24-28, Palm Springs, Palm Springs Convention Center, CA, USA.

Both ALA and Boston Scientific share mission-centric ideals revolving around such principles as continuing investigation and development of new technologies that can reduce risks and improve life, cost efficiencies, and procedure times. Abele is excited to join the 13th edition of ALA's premier event in January of 2009.

“Actually, my background includes laboratory automation from the early 1960s,” said Abele. “I have fond memories of those times, and getting to know Jack Whitehead at Technicon. I am delighted to participate in LabAutomation2009 and I am very much looking forward to sharing some of the humorous automation stories from the past, as well as what promises to be extraordinary on the horizon.”

LabAutomation2009 Scientific Committee Chair R. Scott Martin, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Saint Louis University, lauded the announcement.

“Mr. Abele represents significant focus on our part to continually enhance the traditions and scope of our conference and exhibition,” said Martin. “Our principle objectives for 2009 are centered on our steadfast dedication to cultivating an ever evolving and improving scientific program blended with unique business initiatives and our always strong exhibition program to make our conference the perfect marketplace for kicking off the calendar year. Mr. Abele is the perfect fit for LabAutomation2009.”

For more information about ALA or **LabAutomation2009**, visit www.labautomation.org, or call +1.888.733.1ALA (1252).

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The Association for Laboratory Automation (ALA) is a worldwide organization representing leaders in all aspects of laboratory automation. ALA seeks to provide a greater understanding of the importance and value of automation strategies and technologies in the laboratory settings, to advance science and promote education related to laboratory automation

LabAutomation2009, Jan. 24-28, Palms Springs Convention Center, CA, USA is a five-day event bringing together laboratory automation scientists, academicians, engineers, business leaders and students from around the globe in conjunction with the world's largest exhibition of laboratory technologies.

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