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LabSmith Provides Hands-On Experience for Microfluidics Short Course at SLAS 2012

LIVERMORE, CA (December 28, 2011) – LabSmith, Inc., developer of tools for science, will contribute equipment and expertise for participants in the Microfluidics I/II Short Course at the SLAS 2012 Conference. The two-day course, held Saturday, February 4, 8:30am - 4:30pm, and Sunday February 5, 8:00am - 3:30pm in San Diego, California, will introduce microfluidics technology and its applications for the life sciences. Attendees will receive a compact overview of the important aspects of working with liquids in confined spaces as well as handling of minute amounts of chemicals for the development of functional lab-on-a-chip devices.

Instructors will be: Jörg P. Kutter, Ph.D., Dept. of Micro and Nanotechnology, Technical University of Denmark; Johan Nilsson, Ph.D., Department of Electrical Measurements, Lund University, Sweden; and Sabeth Verpoorte, Ph.D., Groningen Research Institute of Pharmacy, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

LabSmith will be providing its LabPackage microfluidic equipment and components in support of this educational opportunity. The LabPackage provides complete control and visualization of microfluidic and nanofluidic transport phenomena and related experiments. The LabPackage includes CapTite™ microfluidic components; uProcess™ automated valves, pumps and control software; microfluidic ChipShop polymer chips; the HVS448 High Voltage Sequencer; and the SVM340 Synchronized Video Microscope.

“The hands-on demonstration of microfluidic phenomena with the LabPackage will allow students to better understand the practical aspects required to translate the principles they learn in the course to the laboratory,” says Dr. Yolanda Fintschenko, Director of Sales, Marketing, and New Technologies, at LabSmith, Inc.

The course is open to SLAS meeting attendees, who can sign up for the session when registering for the conference. Fees and additional information is available at www.slas2012.org/program/courses/microfluidics.cfm.

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The LabSmith LabPackage is useful for training in microfluidics and transport. Shown here is everything necessary to control an electrokinetic and pressure-driven flow transport experiment. The LabPackage will be used to illustrate the principles covered in the Microfluidics I-II short course, to be held at SLAS 2012, Feb 4-5, 2012 in San Diego, California, USA. A high resolution version of this photo is enclosed.

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