The European Lab Automation Conference and Exhibition 2012

30th-31st May 2012 in Hamburg, Germany

Staying abreast of the latest advances in technology and ensuring that the most effective, up-to-date automation techniques are being employed can be challenging. Attending conferences and exhibitions throughout the year provides scientists not only the opportunity to share their experiences and to network with researchers in their field, but delegates can also discuss their challenges with equipment manufacturers who can often help to tailor a solution to meet their automation needs.

The debut of the European Laboratory Automation (ELA) conference and exhibition, in June 2011, attracted 1523 attendees as well as 151 exhibitors and media partners. ELA combined a high level conference stream with a cutting-edge technology showcase. With 10 conference streams, each with 20 world-class speakers, ELA combined several well-established Select Biosciences' events into one easy-access format, offering a one-stop event for bench-top researchers and senior level executives alike.

ELA 2012

The 2nd annual ELA conference and exhibition will be held at the Congress Centre Hamburg (CCH), Germany, 30th - 31st May 2012. Employing a similar theme to its debut event, delegates have the option of attending 8 different conference streams, each of which includes internationally renowned keynote speakers, research presentations, training sessions and much more.

The 8 streams that make up ELA 2012 are:

Drug Discovery Automation - High Content Screening & Cell Based Assays
Drug Discovery Automation - Chemistry Automation & Compound Management
Biobanking: Preparation, Storage and Analysis
Informatics for Automation
Liquid Handling & Robotics
Nano & Microfluidics
Next-Gen Sequencing Automation
Separation & Detection

These conference streams will be fully supported by technology vendors, showcasing the latest in automated instruments and workflows. Together, the vendor exhibition and scientific presentations offer an unparalleled opportunity to foster technological discussions and scientific collaboration.

Testimonial by Natalie Kostesha, DTU Nanotech, Technical University of Denmark to the ELA 2011 in Hamburg: "I would like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in the European Lab Automation Congress.

It was a pleasure to present my work; I have also met my old friends there and created new interesting contacts; got lots of ideas for my research."

Life Science Awards
Destined to be one of the highlights of the research year, the Life Science Awards were launched in conjunction with last year's event and held as a prelude to the conference. Finalists were nominated by their peers for an award in one of 7 scientific and commercial categories. Entries were judged by leading figures from the industry and academia. The awards themselves were presented following a speech from BBC science presenter, journalist and executive producer Michael Mosley.

The 2nd Annual Life Science Awards will again be held prior to the event, on 29th May 2012, at The Radisson Blu Hotel, Hamburg, and will celebrate the very best of the industry's achievements worldwide. The awards will be hosted over a three course dinner, with a keynote speech from renowned science writer and broadcaster Adam Rutherford. Find out more about the Life Science Awards and make a nomination at www.lifescienceawards.com.
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