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Top International Lab Show Supports Science Technicians

Organisers of a major international Laboratory Show and Conference on 25th May are backing the campaign to encourage greater take-up of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects in schools and colleges. Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) and the Science Council have built the School Zone into the one-day event in Nottingham to assist science teachers and laboratory technicians in curriculum design and delivery.

The School Zone will be hosted by SLS Select Education, the schools' laboratory specialists, and the Association for Science Education (ASE). The programme includes a seminar for career professionals on Leadership and Management, simple science experiments, fun physics and education-products workshops. Simon Quinnell, Senior Professional Development Leader at the National Science Learning Centre and ASE Technician Committee member, along with Professional Development Leader colleague Helen Rose, will deliver the sessions and provide advice to teacher delegates.

"Working Together to Advance UK Science" is the theme of the whole conference and exhibition, and the introduction of The School Zone reflects the need to encourage the next generation of enthusiastic scientists. The event is expected to draw over 1,000 UK and overseas delegates interested in laboratory technology, teaching, careers, logistics, safety, project management and commercialisation.

SLS Select Education Sales and Marketing Manager Graeme Coleman says: "We want to support creative science teaching which unlocks young minds. That's why the School Zone is designed to be the place where teachers and technicians can pick up fresh ideas, try-out new lab products and share professional experiences with colleagues from around the UK.

“The SLS Select Education team will be on hand to offer advice; they are scientists who have previously worked in secondary and college science departments. We also have a new in-house Technical Support Officer with 10 years’ experience of working in school labs, so we know what technicians are trying to achieve.”

As part of the drive to engage young school scientists, show organisers have launched a campaign to chronicle the ‘History of the Laboratory in Ten Objects’. Anyone with a passion for science can nominate the object they feel has had the greatest impact on lab-based scientific research over the last 200 years. Nominations are being posted online www.scientificlaboratoryshow.com or via Twitter @SciLabShow #SciLabShow2016 #10LabObjects.The top ten nominated objects will go into the Show’s ‘Hall of Fame’ on 25th May, and delegates will be asked to vote for their Number One object during the show and conference.

The Laboratory Show & Conference is sponsored by Corning and Eppendorf, and marks the launch of the 2016 SLS Catalogue. An invitation-only Gala Dinner at The Orchard Hotel on 24th May is followed by the Conference which is open to both customers of SLS and visitors.

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About Scientific Laboratory Supplies
SLS first began trading in 1991 and has grown to become the UK's largest independent supplier of laboratory equipment, chemicals and consumables. Headquartered in Nottingham, the company operates a warehousing, technical storage and logistics service across the UK and in over 70 international territories. SLS works closely with leading international industry brands such as Sigma Aldrich, Becton Dickinson, Eppendorf, GE Whatman, Scilabware, Corning, Lonza and Roche. Customers include universities, colleges and secondary schools, commercial research and government scientific laboratories.
www.scientificlabs.co.uk

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About the 2016 Scientific Laboratory Show and Conference
SLS launched the first Scientific Laboratory Show in 2008 and repeated the popular event in 2010, 2012 and in 2014.

'The History of the Laboratory in Ten Objects' is the Show campaign to advance a better understanding of science amongst students and aspiring scientists.

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The 2016 event is on 25th May at the East Midlands Conference Centre on the University of Nottingham campus. The event sponsors are Corning and Eppendorf. It is expected to attract over 1000 UK and international delegates to Nottingham. Two days of training and product awareness for manufactures and suppliers is followed by a Gala Dinner and final day conference organised in partnership with The Science Council.
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