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SELECT BIOSCIENCE COMPANIES PRESENT INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AT BIOFLORIDA'S 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Florida-based R&D companies get opportunity to find investors, partners

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (September 10, 2010) – A

group of a dozen bioscience companies chosen through a competitive process will present their novel technologies to investors, business development executives, scientists and product or service providers at BioFlorida's 13^{th} Annual Conference, scheduled for October 24 - 26 at the Marriott Harbor Beach in Ft. Lauderdale. The presentations offer the companies an opportunity to find financing, collaborators and/or business partners for their ventures.

"BioFlorida's conference has matured beyond a networking meeting to a platform that offers both members and nonmembers the prospects of finding the people or services all in one place that can assist companies to grow and prosper," said David Day, co-chair of BioFlorida's Capital Formation Committee, and director of the Office of Technology Licensing and the Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator at the University of Florida. Michael Wasserman, Ph.D., associate at H.I.G. BioVentures, also serves as co-chair of the committee.

After a review of applications from Florida-based bioscience companies, the Committee chose these 12 companies to represent various sectors of the industry and stages of product development. Start-up companies must have raised seed capital, non-institutional funding or have a clearly defined business plan. The mid- and late-stage companies also demonstrated the strength of their management team and their product's market potential.

"This is a great opportunity for investors and scientists to find great concepts which they can foster and help shepherd through to the marketplace," said Sue Washer, president and chief executive officer of <u>Applied Genetic Technologies Corporation</u>, and chair of the BioFlorida Board of Directors. "For the entrepreneurs who applied to present and were selected, it's a chance to hear honest feedback from a group of seasoned bioscience professionals that could help them advance their business."

<u>Novak Druce + Quigg LLP</u> is the sole sponsor of the BioBusiness Track. Companies chosen to present at this year's conference represent a range of bioscience sectors, including therapeutics, diagnostics and medical devices. The companies' scheduled presentations, name and hometown are:

Company Presentations 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 25

<u>Dharma Biomedical</u>, Coral Gables, Therapeutics

<u>eTect</u>, Gainesville, Medical Device

<u>GLG Pharma</u>, Jupiter, Therapeutics

<u>Lakewood Amedex</u>, Lakewood Ranch, Therapeutics

Company Presentations 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 25

<u>Thar Pharmaceuticals</u>, Tampa, Therapeutics / Diagnostics <u>Xcovery Vision</u>, West Palm Beach, Therapeutics <u>Claro Scientific</u>, <u>St. Petersburg</u>, <u>Diagnostics</u> <u>Intezyne</u>, Tampa, Therapeutics / Delivery

Company Presentations 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 26
Nanotherapeutics, Alachua, Therapeutics / Delivery
LensAR, Winter Park, Medical Device
Altor BioScience Corporation, Miramar, Therapeutics
NexGen Medical Systems, Melbourne, Medical Device

In addition to the company presentations, BioFlorida is working together with <u>BioPartnering.com</u> to facilitate one-on-one half hour meetings with potential investors and collaborators for all conference attendees who wish to participate.

More than 400 guests are expected at this year's conference, and a total of 50 speakers will share their insights on the latest trends and issues in biomedical research and bioscience business. BioFlorida is holding the conference this year in partnership with <u>FL CURED</u>, and it's being produced by <u>American Meetings</u>, <u>Inc</u>.

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Media partners include <u>BioWorld Today</u>; <u>FierceBiotech</u>; <u>Florida Technology Journal</u>; <u>Florida Trend</u> and <u>Innovaro Pharmalicensing</u>.

<u>Regular registration</u> for the conference is \$499 for BioFlorida members; \$625 for nonmembers; and \$150 for students, faculty and postdocs. For more information, visit <u>www.bioflorida.com</u>.

About BioFlorida

BioFlorida is the voice of Florida's bioscience industry association, and represents more than 200 member companies and research organizations in the biotechnology, pharmaceutical and medical device fields. Operating as a not-for-profit organization, BioFlorida works to facilitate and advance innovations in the healthcare, agriculture and energy sectors for its membership base. BioFlorida members are involved in biomedical research and development, medical device manufacturing, clinics and hospitals, academia, government and non-profit organizations, and industry services/products. BioFlorida's leadership and programs positively influence the growth of the industry through networking and initiatives related to capital formation, advocacy, workforce development, education and

commercialization of research. This year, the BioFlorida Institute was established to provide support for K-12 science education, workforce development programs as well as professional development. For more information, visit www.bioflorida.com.