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**NEW TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH FORUM ANNOUNCED FOR 2008 LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT**

Stony Brook NY May 6, 2008 – The 2008 Life Sciences Summit: “Bridging The Gap from Concept to Commercialization,” scheduled for Thursday, June 5 from 8 am – 5 pm at the Hilton Long Island in Melville will present the Translational Research Forum, which aims to bring together business leaders and scientists from industry, academia, and the not-for-profit sector interested in improving human health in the areas of cancer, neurodegenerative disorders and regenerative medicine. The Forum is produced in cooperation with Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Lab, Cold Spring Harbor Lab and the New York Biotechnology Association.

“We are excited to bring together thought leaders in the various fields to discuss and explore the latest advances in science,” said Clint Rubin, Ph.D, Distinguished Professor and Director of the Center for Biotechnology. “All of Long Island’s leading research institutions and industry sector will be on hand to discuss how they are accelerating discovery, development and commercialization with the goal of finding faster cures.”

Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny, President of Stony Brook University, will make the welcoming remarks, with Dr. Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health giving opening plenary. Greg Simon, President, FasterCures will be speaking in the afternoon. “In the 21st Century our challenge is to make curing diseases the central organizing principle of our national research enterprises, with all of the cultural changes that implies”, said Greg Simon. Dr. James Weyhenmeyer, Ph.D., who is the Sr. VP for Research, Research Foundation and Senior Vice Provost for Research and Economic Development at SUNY, will be giving the closing address. “Long Island is a major reason that New York is considered one of the top states in the nation for bioscience growth. Its leaders have built a strong academic infrastructure, a growing number of bioscience businesses and increasing government support. Expanding the opportunities for capital investment and market opportunities for this growing industry sector in New York will be important if we are to continue to successfully compete in the global marketplace.”

As in previous years, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of panels throughout the day. There are six tracks in all, covering traditional topics such as Emerging Company Corporate Showcases, Business and Technology Development Strategy, Life Sciences for the HR Professional and Bioscience Professional Development & Translational Research. This year, in addition to the new institutional research track, there will also be a free career fair from 10am-3pm for both graduates and undergrads alike.

The Life Sciences Summit is a premier gathering of life sciences leaders and professionals focused on issues of strategic importance to the industry in the Long Island region. The Life Sciences Summit is produced by the Center for Biotechnology, a New York State Center for Advanced Technology, in cooperation with the Long Island Life Sciences Initiative, an industry trade organization representing the interests of the region’s biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, and personal care industries.

For more information or to register to attend the event, please call 631-632- 8521 or visit <http://www.biotech.sunysb.edu/educWork/summit2008/index.html>  
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