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**PITTSBURGH LIFE SCIENCES GREENHOUSE TO ATTEND 2014 BIO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO ON JUNE 23-26**

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.** – June 18, 2014 – Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG), Western Pennsylvania’s only pure life sciences investment firm, announced today its attendance at the 2014 Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) International Convention in San Diego on June 23-26. The 2014 BIO International Convention represents more than 1,000 biotech companies, universities and other organizations across the globe.

Executive-in-Residence (EIR), Dr. Don Taylor will represent the PLSG and will be networking with key stakeholders at the event to promote life sciences in Western Pennsylvania. Dr. Taylor will also share information on how PLSG is helping to foster the development of biotech companies through PLSG’s center of excellence which is a strategic ecosystem that drives life sciences commercialization through capital investments, connectivity, people and incubator space.

“It takes more than just capital for high potential life sciences companies to bring their products to market,” said Taylor. “PLSG is dedicated to providing expert guidance to help our portfolio companies formulate business strategies for commercial success. We do all of this through our world-class Executive Program.”

Jim Jordan, PLSG Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, will also be in attendance and networking at the event for both the PLSG and Carnegie Mellon University.

“PLSG has been able to recruit and import 13 executives into the Pittsburgh Region, including myself from Boston,” said Jim Jordan. “The Executive Program remains unique and unmatched – a total of 29 EIRs have moved into C-level positions, 15 of whom are in CEO positions.”

Also attending the BIO International Convention will be Dr. Hank Safferstein, CEO of Cognition Therapeutics. Dr. Safferstein is a part-time PLSG EIR, and will be meeting with investors and speaking on panel 2428 titled “Angels Don’t Just Have Wings: Angel Investments Provide Entrepreneurs a Financial Lift” on June 25 at 4:15 p.m.

The PSLG Executive Program provides emerging life sciences companies with highly qualified and experienced C-level professionals to help guide biotech and life sciences companies through the commercialization process. Through the PLSG Executive Program, entrepreneurs are able to differentiate their products in the marketplace, and position themselves for exit.

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For more information about Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, please visit [www.plsg.com](http://www.plsg.com) or call 412-201-7370. Or, to meet with Don Taylor, Jim Jordan or Hank Safferstein at the BIO International Convention, please contact Beth Thompson at [bthompson@gatesmandave.com](mailto:bthompson@gatesmandave.com) or 412-381-5152.

***About Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG) ([www.plsg.com](http://www.plsg.com))***

*The PLSG invests in and supports the growth of biosciences companies in western Pennsylvania. PLSG has a track record of excellence when it comes to attracting and growing life sciences companies in the region. Since its inception in 2001, PLSG has assisted more than 400 life sciences companies and has helped create or retain nearly 1,800 jobs and affect another 12,000 jobs in Western Pennsylvania. Thirty-four companies have been provided with office or laboratory space and 13 have been relocated to Pittsburgh from outside of the region. In addition, the PLSG has invested over \$20 million in 75 companies, which has leveraged more than \$900 million in additional capital to the region.*

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