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The Life Science Information Technology Global Institute Expands its Board of Directors with Life Sciences Visionaries

February 4, 2009 - The Life Science Information Technology Global Institute (LSIT), a non-profit organization that is developing reference guidelines, Good Informatics Practices (GIP), for IT systems in the life and health sciences announces some exciting changes and additions to its Board of Directors, Technology Advisory Board, and Industry Advisory Board.

LSIT is honored to have Beth Everett take the reins as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Dr. Everett, currently AVP Business Consulting & Technology Services with SAIC, brings to the Board her expertise in improving business outcomes through technologies (scientific and information) and information engineering with high value to cost ratios. Her experience includes a Ph.D. in Chemistry, 19 years in the Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industry and 14 years delivering business transformation through application of information, technologies and processes.

Elaine Wuertz, Chair Emeritus, served as Chairman of the Board from 2007 to 2009. Under her leadership, Elaine drove the development of changing the methodology of how Good Informatics Practices Guidance (GIP) would be developed in a new multimedia format. Under her lead LSIT was able to develop a Proof of Concept within 5 months. Elaine is Life Science Innovation and Informatics Program Manager, Office of the CSO at Accelrys.

Andrew Jacobson has accepted the role of Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, and will continue as Chair of both the Technical Advisory Board and the Industry Advisory Board. Dr. Jacobson has led IT and Informatics organizations in the life sciences industry for most of his career, and is recognized as an expert in the design and development of data integration and computational applications for research and drug development.

Ford Winslow has joined the Board of Directors and will support the Industry Advisory Board (IAB) as Secretary. Mr. Winslow has years of experience in IT and IT Management, with particular expertise in IT Governance for regulated industries.

Dr. Charles Jaffe continues his service to LSIT by moving from the IAB to the Board of Directors. Dr. Jaffe, MD, PhD, FACMI is Chief Executive Officer, Health Level 7 (HL7). Previously, he was the Senior Global Strategist for the Digital Health Group at Intel Corporation, Vice President of Life Sciences at SAIC and the Director of Medical Informatics at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

Also moving from the IAB to the Board of Directors is Paul Allen, Managing Partner, Life Sciences, Clarkston Consulting. Paul Allen is responsible for developing new services designed specifically for the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device industries for Clarkston Consulting. He is also charged with leading Clarkston's team of consultants who specialize in delivering solutions to these industries.

LSIT is delighted to welcome Ms. Linda Speake to the Technology Advisory Board, filling the role as Secretary for the TAB. Ms. Speake is a Senior Life Sciences Consultant with over 15 years experience in the bio-pharma Information Technology industry. Her focus is designing enterprise computer-network solutions, implementing off-the-shelf applications and supporting technology for regulated environments. Her knowledge is vast, having gained extensive hands-on experience implementing clinical data management, laboratory information management, regulatory validations, GxP, ERP, SOX-HIPAA governance, security along with various administrative computing environments.

Steve Romeo has joined the Industry Advisory Board, bringing his 15 years of experience in the field of information technology from infrastructure technology management in the biotech sector to business systems optimization and implementation in the manufacturing and high tech industries. Mr. Romeo is currently the Vice President of Information Technology at BREG, an Orthofix Company.

About the LSIT Global Institute: The Life Sciences Information Technology (LSIT) Global Institute is a U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to developing open, publicly available Good Informatics Practices (GIP) Guidelines for the life and health sciences communities. The effective and appropriate use of IT offers the possibility to reduce both the time and cost of bringing new medical therapeutics and products from discovery to the patient. The organization's members are an alliance of leading global life sciences and information technology companies, renowned academic and medical research institutions, healthcare providers, payers and representatives from government regulatory agencies worldwide.

About Good Informatics Practices: The Good Informatics Practices (GIP) is a comprehensive body of industry-specific IT and informatics guidance. The document, under development, is intended to define best practices ranging from infrastructure and applications development through regulatory requirements (GLP, GMP, GCP and Part 11), business alignment and risk management within the life science research, development and healthcare IT environment.

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