

Society for Biomolecular Screening

The Society for Biomolecular Screening was formed some 18 months ago to facilitate communication between the scientists involved in the various disciplines associated with high-throughput screening (HTS), including microbiologists, cell biologists, molecular biologists, chemists, biochemists, physicists, automation specialists and data management and analysis specialists. The Society has initiated working groups in key areas of concern or controversy, such as: standards in automation and instrumentation, common structure databases, assay design and HTS implementation, and high-throughput aspects of toxicology – metabolism and disposition issues. In 1996, members will be kept up to date with key issues and activities through the Society's new official quarterly publication *Journal of Biomolecular Screening*. The journal will feature peer-reviewed articles together with other relevant information.

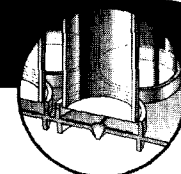
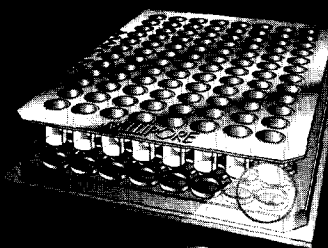
The *First Annual Conference* and associated workshops, held last November, in Philadelphia, PA, USA, aimed to offer atten-

dees a glimpse of new HTS technologies, practical solutions to technical problems and a look at future prospects for biomolecular screening. The meeting attracted more than 450 scientists from the pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. Session topics included programs and approaches, sample resources and lead generation, new detection methods, automation, data processing and analysis, target biology and genomics. Some 43 exhibitors attended, and 24 of these provided a tutorial session in advance of the main program. The second meeting will be held in Basel, Switzerland, 14–17 October 1996.

Details of the meeting and information about Society membership can be obtained from: The Society for Biomolecular Screening, Inc., 36 Tamarack Ave, Suite 348, Danbury, CT 06811, USA. tel: +1 203 743 1336, fax: +1 203 748 7557.

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