

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### International Society for BioProcess Technology

**May 6, 2010 – Norfolk, Virginia:** Today, the **International Society for BioProcess Technology**, [www.ISBioTech.org](http://www.ISBioTech.org), was established to advance process and analytical techniques, plus make the latest bioprocess technology readily available to those developing and producing biopharmaceuticals worldwide.

**ISBioTech** is dedicated to the scientists and engineers who have day-to-day responsibility for creating and managing scalable and reproducible processes, as well as the assays needed to insure indisputable quality. Through networking events and the society's web-based resources, biotech professionals can access and share the techniques and best practices needed for safe, effective, and consistent products.

The society's executive director, **Keith L. Carson**, commented that: "We are very excited to be launching this new society. ISBioTech allows us to combine the value and resources offered by the **BioProcessing Journal** and our **Techno-Blast** mass emails with our extensive conference organizing experience. For many years, colleagues have been asking for an international society like this with the ability to form local chapters, and this seems to be the perfect time to establish this organization. The biotech industry has been weathering another very difficult period, but now there are signs that conditions could be improving. And especially with the approval of Dendreon's cellular vaccine, a whole range of new products and technologies could become commercially viable."

#### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

**ISBioTech** also announced its first annual meeting which will be held **April 4-6, 2011** at the renowned Nauticus Maritime Museum and Half Moone Cruise Center in downtown Norfolk, Virginia. This new cruise center offers exceptional meeting and exhibit facilities, as well as spectacular views of the river and city skylines. And the Nauticus museum and adjacent Waterside complex provide unsurpassed entertainment plus convenient access from numerous hotels. For more information on attending, exhibiting, and sponsoring, please go to [www.ISBioTech.org](http://www.ISBioTech.org).

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

While membership is not required to attend society meetings or access the website, we encourage all dedicated professionals to take advantage of the benefits available to members. The annual membership fee includes a complimentary print subscription to the **BioProcessing Journal** - a quarterly, peer reviewed publication established in 2002 and considered one of the industry's most respected. In addition, members receive a 20% discount off the registration fees for annual and regional meetings.

Members are automatically qualified to serve on technology and application committees, run for society office, vote in society elections, and receive preferential status when submitting manuscripts for publication in the BioProcessing Journal.

“And of course, members have access to the extensive resources offered by our website and Facebook page,” continued Mr. Carson, “Via our **Techno-Blast** mass emails, they’ll receive notification of **networking events, training courses, certification opportunities, and jobs**. In addition, members will be kept up to date on the latest developments in reference materials and standards.”

**LOCAL CHAPTERS:**

Members are encouraged to organize **local society chapters**, or what we refer to as “local area networks” (BioLANs). The first such network has been formed in Hampton Roads, Virginia and is organizing very successful regional meetings. ISBioTech is committed to setting up additional BioLANs wherever there are sufficient bioprocessing communities and the necessary leadership. So please let us know if you are interested in establishing a BioLAN in your area.

**TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATION COMMITTEES:**

Wherever there is sufficient interest and commitment, ISBioTech is forming committees to help standardize and advance essential bioprocess operations and techniques. Examples include **cell banking, protein expression, scale-up, mixing, filtration, purification, and product characterization**. Plus there will likely be groups focusing on **sensors, process control, single-use systems, analytical methods, and raw materials**.

Then for applications, the society plans to form committees for **cellular vaccines, viral gene vectors, tissue regeneration, baculovirus expression, antibodies, recombinant proteins, vaccines, and biomarkers**. Please let us know if you’d like to help build or chair a committee, and please check the society website regularly for the latest opportunities to do so [www.ISBioTech.org](http://www.ISBioTech.org).

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