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### **ORACLE LIFE SCIENCES USER GROUP ELECTS FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ANNOUNCES DATES FOR CONFERENCE AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

**March 9, 2005** - Oracle Life Sciences User Group Inc. (OLSUG) today announced the election of its first Board of Directors as an independent organization and issued a call for presentations for its next meeting, scheduled for May 16-17, 2005, in Boston, Mass.

Oracle launched the life sciences user group in 2003 as a forum for its customers to share best practices in life science research. In late 2004, OLSUG incorporated as an independent organization and held elections—completing its transformation from a nascent organization to a traditional user group, controlled by technology users.

Members of the newly elected 2005 OLSUG Annual Board include: Judith Bandy, Vice President, Marketing, InforSense; John Burke, Research Software Administrator, UCB Group; Mark J Forster, Chemical Informatics Systems Team Leader, Syngenta R&D IS; William Hayes, Associate Director Research Informatics, Biogen Idec; Jack Leunissen, Ph.D., Professor of Bioinformatics, Wageningen University and Research Centre; Mahendra Navarange, Executive Consultant, Atos Origin; Kevin Prime, Director, Quality Assurance, Elsevier MDL; Martin Widlake, Database Services Manager, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute; Charlie Berger, Senior Director of Product Management, Life Sciences and Data Mining Technologies, Oracle; Raf Podowski, Senior Product Manager, Life Sciences, Oracle; and Mary Arbelaez, Director Business Development, Oracle.

“The Oracle Life Sciences User Group has continued to gain momentum since its founding, hosting more than 200 participants at its last semi-annual conference,” said Charlie Berger, Senior Director of Product Management, Life Sciences and Data Mining Technologies, Oracle Corp. “We, at Oracle, are pleased to pass the torch to the new leadership team and look forward to continuing our work with the group moving forward.”

“The new, independent organization is committed to continuing OLSUG’s tradition of representing the diverse needs of the life sciences community,” said William Hayes, OLSUG Board Member. “We look forward to advancing our mission of sharing expertise and vision among members dedicated to mutual success in life sciences discovery research and development.”

## Call for Papers

The two-day user group meeting, scheduled in cooperation with the Boston-hosted Bio-IT World Conference and Expo (<http://www.bio-itworldexpo.com>), is an open forum for organizations using Oracle technology and applications for life science research to exchange experiences and best practices with other community members. Individuals registering for the user group meeting will receive a discount on Bio-IT World Conference registration and also be provided complimentary access to the keynotes and exhibit hall. The user group meeting will be held May 16-17, 2005 at the Hynes Convention Center.

The OLSUG meeting will feature multiple content tracks and presentations, workshops, tutorials and roundtable discussions. It will also offer members a direct information channel to information on product and support development for Oracle life sciences products and third-party solutions. For registration information, please visit the OLSUG Web site: <http://www.olsug.org>.

Users of Oracle Database technology interested in presenting at the conference should submit an abstract to [conference@olsug.org](mailto:conference@olsug.org) by March 30, 2005. Potential speakers should develop abstracts of no more than a single page that list key concepts in concise, bulleted points. Abstracts should address one of the following subject categories:

- New Life Sciences Applications
- Finding Patterns and Insights, Data Mining, Text Mining
- New Vendors
- VLDB (Very Large Database)
- Data Modeling
- Project Management
- Collaboration
- Data Integration
- Application Development and Delivery
- Data Distribution

Additional detail on abstract submissions is posted on the OLSUG Web site.

## About OLSUG

Oracle Life Sciences User Group is a worldwide non-profit organization sharing a vested interest in the successful deployment of Oracle Life Sciences products in life sciences discovery research and development. Its members include discovery researchers, life sciences professionals, third-party solution providers, as well as developers of Oracle Life Sciences products. For more information on OLSUG, please visit the Web site <http://www.olsug.org>.

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