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Scientific Laboratory Supplies (SLS) hosts first Scottish Laboratory Show and Conference at BioCity Scotland

Investing in Science in Scotland was the theme of Scotland's first Scientific Laboratory Show and Conference organised by SLS, the UK's largest independent British-owned supplier of scientific equipment, chemicals and consumables. The event on Thursday 29th October gathered senior scientists, entrepreneurs and laboratory managers to BioCity Scotland for a day of presentations, including an address by Dr. Susie Mitchell, Programme Director for Glasgow City of Science.

Dr. Mitchell's talk 'Leveraging science for long-term growth: from the bench to the BBC', looked at how the Glasgow City of Science project is tapping into the region's scientific potential. The Science Council talked about professional recognition and career development for scientists, and delegates heard how Glasgow-based Renishaw Diagnostics turned from university spinout to the launch of their first commercial product.

The event also featured an exhibition showcasing equipment, chemicals and consumable brands from twenty of the world's leading laboratory product manufacturers

Peter Davie, SLS Regional Manager for Scotland commented following the event: "Bringing senior scientists and entrepreneurs together in this way demonstrates our commitment to investing in science in Scotland. We are delighted to be working so closely with both the Science Council and with BioCity Scotland where we now have an excellent office for future expansion. We chose to base ourselves in BioCity Scotland because we want to become fully embedded in the life sciences community here. By joining this community of like-minded people, we can play our part in supporting world-class science innovation and its commercialisation."

Commenting on the Scottish Laboratory Show, Ali Orr, Registrar for the Science Council says: "Supporting SLS in this event at BioCity Scotland allowed us to highlight the role and value of the entrepreneurial scientist, especially to the Scottish economy. The life sciences cluster continues to grow and events such as this can act as a catalyst for further collaboration."