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INTERPHEX to co-host life-science meet in October

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A private, non-profit trust to create jobs in Puerto Rico through science and innovation, provide funding for research and development projects and infrastructure advancements will play an important role in this year's INTERPHEX Puerto Rico to be held Oct. 20-21 at the Convention Center in San Juan.

"Through our in-kind business assistance program, we provide technical and financial assistance to universities, start-up companies and entrepreneurs to develop local technologies into useful products and services," said Jesús Soriano, senior advisor to the Puerto Rico Science, Technology & Research Trust.

The island's largest gathering of life science professionals and industry suppliers, the event provides the perfect forum for the trust to discuss its promotion of technology transfer and product commercialization as well as to showcase the island's science and technology infrastructure.

Now in its eighth year, the event offers exhibits and technical sessions to provide education and solutions for pharmaceutical and medical device professionals. In addition to running simultaneously with INTERPHEX Medical Devices and the Latin American Supply Chain, this year's event will include Buildings Puerto Rico, a new event to provide access to resources that promote environmental and operational efficiency for buyers from commercial, industrial, residential and institutional facilities.

Last year, the convention was attended by more than 250 exhibiting companies and 3,800 pharmaceutical and biotech manufactures and medical device industry professionals within Puerto Rico as well as the greater Caribbean region. Among the local sponsors are the Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association, and the advisory board includes members from Novartis, Pfizer, Roche Diagnostics, Lilly del Caribe, Stryker, Medtronic, Jacobs, PR Tec, MediSearch, ISPE Puerto Rico Chapter, PRMA, PRIDCO and INDUNIV.

Created under the provisions of Law 214 of Aug. 18, 2004, the Puerto Rico Science, Technology & Research Trust is a private non-profit organization to help economic growth by creating jobs through science and innovation. The trust promotes scientific research, transformation of research into useful products, and aid to innovative local startup companies by providing seed

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