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## **Long Island Life Sciences Summit to Examine Critical Issues to the Life Sciences Industry**

**April 16, 2003 (Stony Brook, NY)** - Key executives from Long Island's life sciences industry will gather to address a series of critical issues at a summit meeting designed to explore and organize around topics of strategic importance to the region. The 2003 Long Island Life Sciences Summit, to be held on Thursday, May 8th from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the Hilton Huntington Hotel, is expected to attract over 200 senior industry executives from across the region.

Hosted by the Long Island Life Sciences Initiative (LILSI) and co-produced by the Center for Biotechnology at Stony Brook University, the 2003 Long Island Life Sciences Summit is the premier industry event for the region's life sciences industry. Industry leaders representing the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and life systems technology industries, along with leaders from the academic community, industry suppliers, venture capitalists, and economic development professionals, will engage in a dynamic forum to discuss issues of strategic importance to the regional life sciences industry and implement an agenda focused on creating a nurturing business environment on Long Island.

"The Long Island Life Sciences Initiative is gaining significant momentum," said Dr. James Hayward, LILSI Chairman, and Chairman, President and CEO, The Collaborative Group. "The Initiative will play a critical role in helping to address such issues as the attraction of federal and state resources to the region, facilities expansion, workforce development, and the global marketing of Long Island as an epicenter for the life sciences."

The 2003 Long Island Life Sciences Summit will present panels of distinguished industry speakers that will address strategic issues in business development, financing, infrastructure, regulatory affairs, converging technologies and technology transfer. The luncheon plenary will feature representatives from some of the most successful and diverse multinational corporations – Genencor International Inc., Unilever, Johnson and Johnson – as they discuss their interests in terms of technology, collaborations, partnerships, acquisitions, and other business opportunities.

Complete summit information can be obtained by contacting Joseph Scaduto, Executive Director, at 631-632-1080, or by visiting [www.lils.org](http://www.lils.org). LILSI, incorporated in January 2002, is a regional trade association focused on the attraction, retention and development of life sciences firms on Long Island, and aims to address issues of strategic importance to the growth of the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, and life systems technology (nutriceutical, cosmeceutical) industry sectors.