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Latest Automated Colony Counting and Zone Measurement Systems
Synbiosis Stand 161/260, Hall A3 at Analytica

Cambridge, UK: Synbiosis, a world-leading manufacturer of automated microbiological systems invites scientists to visit **Stand 161/260, Hall A3** at Analytica where Synbiosis staff will demonstrate how ProtoCOL HR, aCOLyte and Auto-Zone, the most advanced automated colony counting and zone sizing systems currently available can significantly increase their productivity.

On stand, Synbiosis is showing its top of the range, ProtoCOL HR, ideal for microbiologists looking for a high quality combined colony counting and zone sizing system. Synbiosis experts will explain how ProtoCOL HR's unique features such as high resolution colour camera for visualising colonies and plaques as small as 0.08mm, LED lighting above and below the plate holder and powerful image analysis software make this system the most accurate on the market today.

For dedicated colony counting, Synbiosis is exhibiting, aCOLyte, its low-cost colony counter which comes as either semi-automated Click'n'Count, or fully automated SuperCount. This system offers a rapid alternative to manual counting, providing full colour image display, as well as GLP compliant result reporting and archiving.

Finally on stand, Synbiosis is unveiling its latest version of AutoZONE, an automatic zone analysis system that allows users to measure reaction zones up to 50 times faster than manual measurement. The system is so versatile it can be used for a range of inhibition and exhibition zone analysis applications including multi-zone bioassay plate analysis (36 and 64 zone plates) and single radial immunodiffusion assays and is being used to increase throughput of vaccine and antibiotic production in many pharma companies.

Martin Smith, Divisional Manager for Synbiosis commented: "We are delighted to be showcasing such a high quality range of colony counters and zone sizing systems on **Stand 161/260** at Analytica. Microbiologists are welcome to visit us here where we will be pleased to demonstrate the time saving benefits these state of the art systems can bring to their research."

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Note to Editors**About Synbiosis**

Synbiosis is a world-leading supplier of integrated imaging solutions for automatic counting and analysis of microbial colonies and zone measurement. The ProtoCOL and aCOLyte systems from Synbiosis are installed in food, pharmaceutical, environmental and research microbiology laboratories worldwide. Synbiosis uses established distribution channels to market its products internationally.

Synbiosis, founded in 1998 is a division of the Synoptics Group based in Cambridge UK. The Group's other divisions, Syncroscopy and Syngene, specialise in digital imaging solutions for microscopy and molecular biology applications respectively. Synoptics currently employs over 40 people in its UK and US subsidiary operation.