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*Latest Automated Colony Counting and Zone Measurement Systems  
Demonstrated on Synbiosis stand at Analytica 2006*

**Cambridge, UK:** Synbiosis, a world-leading manufacturer of automated microbiological systems invited scientists to visit their stand at Analytica where Synbiosis staff demonstrated how ProtoCOL HR, aCOLyte and AutoZone, the most advanced automated colony counting and zone sizing systems currently available can significantly increase their productivity.

On stand, Synbiosis showed its top of the range, ProtoCOL HR, ideal for microbiologists looking for a high quality combined colony counting and zone sizing system. Synbiosis experts explained how ProtoCOL HR's unique features such as high resolution colour camera for visualising colonies and plaques as small as 0.1mm, 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 exhibited 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 unveiled 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 we were delighted to showcase such a high quality range of colony counters and zone sizing systems at Analytica. We were pleased to demonstrate the time saving benefits these state of the art systems can bring to the microbiologist's research."

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