2018 Annual Report
The Laboratory Products Association (LPA) was founded in 1918 as the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association. LPA member companies are manufacturers, distributors, and suppliers of lab products and services such as glass and plasticware, chemicals, equipment, and supplies used in scientific research and life sciences worldwide. The Optical Imaging Association (OPIA) is an affiliate association of the LPA whose members are manufacturers of microscopy instruments and components.

In today’s competitive global environment, it is imperative that companies have the resources and tools they need to be successful. The LPA provides its members with unparalleled value to include:

» Opportunities to engage in business networking with senior level industry executives;

» Insight and data from exclusive market reports on the global lab products industry;

» Cutting-edge executive education featuring world class speakers;

» Confidence in knowing that their voices are being heard on key legislative and regulatory issues in Washington.

“In my experience, the LPA affords its members a tremendous opportunity to network across all management levels of the participating companies and gain valuable industry and business insight knowledge.

Every time I attend an event, I am inspired to take my business to the next level and walk away with a renewed focus, great ideas and a vision that wouldn’t have otherwise been possible.

The talent and success of the LPA members is unmatched. The wealth of knowledge of the LPA members and their willingness to candidly share their perspectives and experiences is extremely fruitful.”

—Bambi Cahilly, CEO, Excel Scientific

The LPA will be the leading association in North America, representing manufacturers, distributors, and other related companies in the laboratory products industry and providing its members with a global perspective for success.
It’s hard to believe that the LPA has surpassed 100 years of Supporting Science. This past year was certainly a special one as we celebrated our centennial and reflected on the past and our roots. Over the past century, this association has been instrumental in providing value to its members in so many ways and has helped shape the industry to what it is today.

The highlight of the year, our Centennial Dinner Celebration during the Annual Meeting, was a huge success. We had many former LPA and SAMA leaders and their guests attend. Seeing the thrill on their faces as they got reacquainted after many years was priceless. This is truly one of the things that makes the LPA unique. It is a very tight community and family and one that I am proud to be a part of.

As we look back at our centennial year, I am very pleased to report that it has been another successful and productive one. Membership in the LPA continues to be solid. At the end of the fiscal year in June, we had 122 member companies with nine new companies joining during the year.

Our meetings continued to grow and provide excellent executive education and business networking opportunities. Our Centennial Annual Meeting was held at the Boca Resort & Beach Club in Boca Raton, Florida in early November. We had 145 attendees and special guests in attendance and had 75% of member companies represented there. Our Spring Meeting was held in San Antonio, Texas and was also well-attended. The LPA also had a successful Sales and Marketing Workshop in Philadelphia and a record setting attendance at the Speaker Series Breakfast at Pittcon with Josh Waldman and Steve Willoughby from the Cleveland Research Company presenting.

The exclusive market reports produced by Frost & Sullivan continue to be a superb source of data for our members. Acting on member feedback for more granular information and trending data, we have partnered with Top Down Analytics (TDA) to provide several insightful reports in 2019.

We also continued to meet the needs of our members through our legislative and regulatory efforts, had meeting rooms at Pittcon, Analytica, and Achema, and had collaborative relationships with other groups such as SPECTARIS (our German counterpart) and the National Association of Manufacturers.

I want to thank those who have contributed to the success of the LPA this past year to include our committees, Board of Directors, the membership, and LPA staff. If you ever have ideas and suggestions on how we can make your membership more valuable, please let us know.

Be sure to take advantage of all the LPA has to offer; much of which is outlined in this Annual Report. If you are not a member, I strongly encourage you to join the LPA and am confident that you will find membership to be a very worthwhile investment in your company’s success.

Sincerely,

Jim Dawson, LPA Chair
President & CEO
Heidolph North America
A Look Back at 2018 . . .

LPA at Pittcon
www.lpanet.org/pittcon

Meeting and Networking Rooms
For many members, one of these best benefits of membership are the meeting and networking rooms on the show floor at Pittcon. The LPA continued to provide this great benefit for those attending the show. The meeting room contained a dozen tables that members utilized for meetings with customers and the networking room provided additional seating, refreshments, and a charging station.

LPA–SPECTARIS Reception
For the second consecutive year, the LPA held a reception with its German counterpart, SPECTARIS. This was an excellent opportunity for members of both organizations to network and get acquainted on a more personal level.

LPA Speaker Series Breakfast
www.lpanet.org/speakerseries

The LPA Speaker Series Breakfast had a record attendance to hear Joshua Waldman, PhD, research associate for Cleveland Research Company and Steve Willoughby, Senior Analyst and Partner of the firm. The two gave an insightful presentation on the life sciences industry, the 2018 outlook by end-user markets and geography, and offered the audience an overview of where they saw Amazon and its impact on the industry.

"The LPA provides an opportunity to gain valuable market information and remain current regarding industry news and trends. The association also offers a collegial network of the industry’s most experienced leaders willing to share their knowledge and perspective.”

—Steve Goodman, VP & General Manager, Science Education, VWR
In addition to having a presence at Pittcon, the LPA provided members with meeting and networking rooms at two key trade shows this past year—analytica held in Munich, Germany and ACHEMA held in Frankfurt, Germany.

These rooms were valuable assets for members attending these shows for meetings or for taking a break and recharging.

"The LPA provides its members with an ever increasing and powerful range of benefits. The market reports are insightful and the education programs are both up to date and useful to personnel at all levels in our member organizations."

—Lisa Witte, President, Research and Safety Division, Thermo Fisher Scientific

LPA at analytica and ACHEMA
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LPA Spring Meeting
www.lpanet.org/spring

The 2018 LPA Spring Meeting was held at the Mokara Hotel & Spa on the Riverwalk of San Antonio, Texas, where over 60 attendees from 40 company members enjoyed a diverse education program. The meeting featured David Burkus, who opened with his presentation on *Friend of a Friend: Understanding the Hidden Networks that Can Transform Your Life*; Rob Smith of Venable LLP presented a comprehensive legislative update; Dr. Jian Ling of the Southwest Research Institute presented *Capabilities & Research in Pharmaceuticals and Bioengineering*. Closing the first day of the meeting was a brief presentation on *Medical Technology and Innovation* from Charlie Whelan of Frost & Sullivan. On Wednesday morning, Hamid Ghanadan presented *Catalytic Experiences, Persuading Scientists with Effective Digital Marketing*. Nikki Stone, Olympian Gold medalist, was the meeting’s closing keynote speaker on *When Turtles Fly: Finding Your Turtle Effect: Sticking your neck out to reach your goals.*
Lucy Hawking, a renowned science writer and educator, discussed a life spent in science. Creator of the George Greenby books, a series of adventure stories which use dramatic story-telling to explain complex science to young audiences, Lucy had collaborated with several distinguished scientists, including her well-known father, the theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking.

MARKET INFORMATION

www.lpanet.org/marketdata

The LPA provides its members with exclusive reports of the lab products market and industry containing information largely unavailable from other sources. These reports provide members with strategic insights on market trends and key benchmarks to improve their financial and operations performance.
**Annual Forecast & Analysis of the Lab Products Market & Mid-Year Report**

Frost & Sullivan’s Life Sciences Division continued to produce these valuable and insightful reports exclusively for the LPA. They covered the global and U.S. markets for laboratory products to include the size and growth of the total laboratory products market, as well as the product segment markets and end-user market segments. The *Mid-Year Report* also contained key econometric data on various geographic regions.

**Monthly Flash Report**

LPA members participated in this monthly survey that provided an immediate read on what was happening in the industry, with a comparison of member’s durable and non-durable sales by month, quarter, and current year-to-date to last year’s sales.

**LPA COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION**

**Government & Regulatory Affairs Advocacy**

[www.lpanet.org/gov](http://www.lpanet.org/gov)

Through its relationship with DC-based government affairs consulting firm, Venable LLP, the LPA continued to be involved in the legislative and regulatory affairs area in an effort to keep members educated on and apprised of crucial issues effecting their businesses. Venable provided members with frequent updates on many key issues such as NIH and other agency research funding, and the China tariffs issue. They also provided detailed information on California Prop 65 and its compliance as well as primers and a webinar on the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

**LPA Reporter Monthly Newsletter**

[www.lpanet.org/reporter](http://www.lpanet.org/reporter)

The *LPA Reporter*, the association’s monthly newsletter, shared current and upcoming events of the LPA, industry news briefs, networking opportunities, and resources for everyone in the lab products industry. The *LPA Reporter* also provided member companies with an outlet for sharing their company news, press releases, staff changes, and accomplishments.

**Partnerships with Other Associations**

[www.lpanet.org/nam](http://www.lpanet.org/nam)

The LPA continued its membership in the National Association of Manufacturer's (NAM) Council of Manufacturing Associations (CMA). The CMA is made up of nearly 260 manufacturing trade associations that work together on behalf of manufacturing in the United States. Resources made available to LPA members include the *Monday Economic Report* which is a snapshot of how manufacturing is doing based on key economic indicators, as well as periodic Global Surveys.

**LPA Job Board and Career Center**

The LPA helped make online employment connections in the laboratory products industry, both those seeking engaging employment and employers seeking qualified candidates. The LPA is also a part of a larger network which provides employers with access to more resumes when posting a position, called the Engineering & Science Career Network (ESCN).

**THE LPA ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

**LPA LinkedIn Group**

[https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1941786](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1941786)

As the value and participation in social networking groups rose, so did membership in LPA’s LinkedIn group. By the end of 2018, the group had over 2,700 members. The group was open to all who are in the lab products and life sciences areas—LPA members as well as end-users—and was a great resource for making new connections and possible business leads.

**LPA Facebook Group**

[https://facebook.com/LaboratoryProductsAssociation](https://facebook.com/LaboratoryProductsAssociation)

The LPA Facebook page adds value to members by offering another avenue to engage and support B2B. The goal was to harness social media to engage LPA members and non-members alike, in order to collaborate and connect in a more casual way, no matter where their work takes them. LPA members were also able to find pictures from LPA events and meetings throughout the year.

**Looking Ahead to 2019...**

The environment in which LPA members operate is fluid and constantly changing. As a result, the needs of its members are constantly changing. The LPA will continue to keep a pulse on these changes and be a provider of solutions to its members’ unique needs. Members can count on their industry trade association to consistently improve their global and commercial success by providing them with the unique opportunities in networking, market information, and professional development needed to excel in today’s competitive environment.
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LPA Committees

www.lpanet.org/committees

LPA committees help connect members with the association by giving them a stronger voice in the decision-making process and enabling them to contribute their expertise and talents in shaping policies that will affect the association. These committees include:

Government Affairs
www.lpanet.org/gov

OBJECTIVE: To develop and implement initiatives in government and regulatory affairs on issues potentially impacting members and the industry. COMMITTEE CHAIR: John Woods

Market Information
www.lpanet.org/marketdata

OBJECTIVE: To explore, develop and maintain data gathering tools to provide timely and meaningful industry information to the membership. This information includes customer buying behaviors and tendencies, sales and market reports and forecasts, and other pertinent information. COMMITTEE CHAIR: Harry Ruska

Meetings
www.lpanet.org/meetings

OBJECTIVE: To develop programs and oversee activities of the Annual Meeting and Spring Meeting. COMMITTEE CHAIR: Ed Hiergesell

Membership & Communications
www.lpanet.org/membership

OBJECTIVE: To establish and implement programs for continuous membership development, recruitment, and retention. To promote the value of the LPA to members and the market place. To build recognition of the LPA throughout the industry. COMMITTEE CHAIR: Karen Brooks

Sales & Marketing
www.lpanet.org/workshops

OBJECTIVE: To develop programs and activities within the LPA that will enhance the sales and marketing capabilities of member companies. COMMITTEE CHAIR: John Rux

www.opia.org

The Optical Imaging Association (OPIA) is a sub-group of the LPA. The OPIA represents companies that manufacture microscopes and/or products, components and peripherals for microscopy and the microscopy imaging market. The OPIA produces several valuable market statistical reports for its members such as the quarterly U.S. Microscope Report, Video Report, Shared Data Report, and the semi-annual International Microscope Report.

In addition, the OPIA members meet several times per year in conjunction with industry trade shows to discuss the statistical reports and issues of common interest amongst the members.

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**MAY 7–8, 2019**
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Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City | Arlington, VA
[www.lpanet.org/spring](http://www.lpanet.org/spring)

**MAY 9, 2019**
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[www.lpanet.org/annual](http://www.lpanet.org/annual)