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## Biopolis Québec and Life Sciences Ontario join forces in a strategic workshop

*Members of both organisations work together in the Quebec / Ontario life sciences corridor*

**MONTREAL, QC, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012** - Biopolis Québec, the alliance of the leading Quebec organizations (Montréal InVivo, Québec International et Sherbrooke Innopole) dedicated to promoting the life sciences sector internationally and Life Sciences Ontario, the voice of life sciences in Ontario, have held today in Montreal a strategic workshop. This workshop followed a first event held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Toronto within the framework of the memorandum of understanding signed by the two organizations.

The objective of this workshop was to set the foundations of a joint industry-led strategy for collaboration within the context of the Quebec / Ontario life sciences corridor; with the ultimate goal of positioning it among the most competitive clusters in the world.

To that aim, three main challenges have been indentified:

- Promoting the excellence and the competitiveness of the corridor
- Making the most of the evolving collaborative R&D model within life sciences
- Joining forces to tackle common sector challenges

Following the workshop, the high-level strategic objectives will be summarized and a plan forward developed by the two organisations; with the aim of sharing this collaborative plan during the BIO international convention later in June. Ultimately, the final strategy will target three specific actions for each of the three themes and these will be prioritized for achievement within three years.

### About Biopolis Québec

Biopolis Québec is the alliance of three life sciences and health technology powerhouses, namely, Montréal InVivo, Québec Interantional and Sherbrooke Innopole. By pooling the regions' respective strengths and by generating synergy, Biopolis Québec showcases Québec's

creativity and capability as a world-class cluster. From basic research to marketing, BiopolisQuébec displays its excellence all along the value-creation chain. The cluster provides a productive environment for organizations in the field of health sciences and health technology.

#### About Life Sciences Ontario

Life Sciences Ontario (LSO) is a member-driven organization that represents and promotes the province's vibrant and diverse life sciences sector. LSO collaborates with governments, academia, industry and other life science organizations in Ontario, across Canada, and globally to promote and encourage commercial success throughout this diverse sector.

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