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Userspace Corporation Announces Collaboration with Institute for Systems Biology (ISB) *Institute to Utilize Cutting Edge Technology in Proteins Research*

Seattle, WA -- April 30, 2002 -- Userspace Corporation, a technology company focused on networking the life-sciences market and the Institute for Systems Biology (ISB) a world-renowned research institute dedicated to predicting and preventing disease, today announced a collaboration to better serve the scientists and research professionals at the Proteomics Laboratory at ISB.

Under the terms of the agreement, Userspace will install its process and data management framework, 'bioinstrument.net'; provide standardized sample management technologies and an XML data architecture for proteomics. ISB and Userspace will also collaborate on specific research initiatives.

"Proteins are responsible for virtually all important cell functions and, alongside genes, are critical to understanding and controlling biological systems", said the Institute's co-founder Dr. Ruedi Aebersold. "The capabilities we're building to identify a large fraction of the proteins in healthy and diseased cells and analyze them all at the same time are vital to realizing the hope and potential created by the Human Genome Project. The sample tracking system and seamless data entry it provides into our database will greatly facilitate the Institute's high-throughput proteomics facility."

Dr. Aebersold, who is widely recognized for his work in analytical protein biochemistry and proteomics, leads a research group at the ISB that is focused on developing new methods and technologies for understanding the structure, function and control of complex biological systems.

"With tens of thousands of different protein types expressed in a cell over six-orders of magnitude, the business of understanding biology through Proteomics is a very complex endeavor", said Dr. David Goodlett, director of proteomics at the ISB. "We are committed to maintaining high-throughput facilities and developing new technological platforms such as this one with Userspace to further enhance our position as one of the world's leading edge proteomics centers."

"We are delighted to be part of ISB's vision to increase its collaboration with industry and academia," said Sanjaya N. Joshi, co-founder and President of Userspace. "Our relationship with ISB will allow a smooth scale-up of its Proteomics Laboratory and seamless completion of the data circle from acquisition to analysis."

About Userspace

Co-founders Sanjaya N. Joshi and Susan D. Baird-Joshi incorporated UserspaceSM Corporation (www.userspace.com) in 1999. By utilizing the *combined* 19-member staff of Userspace and its wholly owned subsidiary in Bangalore, India, (Userspace India Pvt. Ltd.), it has built an open architecture process and data management platform for life-sciences. Prominent local angel investors provided seed funding for its product, 'bioinstrument.net'.

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About ISB

Systems Biology is an emerging discipline that takes a more global look at complex biological functions. The Institute for Systems Biology is one of the most visible and pioneering research organizations in the world dedicated to this new approach that requires the integration of science, technology and bioinformatics in ways that would have been impossible only a few years ago. The Institute is also committed to pioneering new approaches to science education and increasing public awareness of biotechnology issues.

The Institute was founded by Dr. Leroy Hood, Dr. Ruedi Aebersold and Dr. Alan Aderem in 2000 and rapidly grew to a faculty of eight and a staff of more than 170. Hood, the Institute's President and Director, led the development of the automated DNA sequencing technology that enabled the Human Genome Project and was among the small group that advocated for the effort in 1985. Associate Director Alan Aderem, a prominent immunologist and cell biologist and pioneer in the study of innate immunity, has provided scientists with fundamental insights into the functioning of the macrophage. Aebersold, who is widely recognized for his work in analytical protein biochemistry and proteomics, leads a research group at the ISB that is focused on developing new methods and technologies for understanding the structure, function and control of complex biological systems.

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