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# **Harris & Harris Group Sponsors NYC American Heart Association's Health Sciences Innovation Investment Forum**

## **Co-founder of Harris & Harris Group Portfolio Company TARA Biosystems to Speak About the Value of Tissue Engineering Technology**

NEW YORK, April 21, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Harris & Harris Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:TINY), an investor in transformative companies enabled by disruptive science, continues its support of emerging companies in the biotech industry by sponsoring the NYC American Heart Association's second annual [Health Sciences Innovation Investment Forum](#). Harris & Harris portfolio company TARA Biosystems will also be represented in a presentation by one of the company's founders, Milica Radisic Ph.D.

The forum will bring experts in the industry and leaders in academia together to discuss, collaborate and drive investments towards cardiovascular research and the advancement of cardiovascular and stroke care. Dr. Radisic will give a "Big Idea" talk on TARA Biosystems, and provide insight into its unique tissue engineering technology and the value it brings to not only potential investors, but for research and cardiovascular care as a whole.

In addition to sponsoring the event, Misti Ushio Ph.D., managing director and chief strategy officer at Harris & Harris Group is on the Health Sciences Innovation - Investment Forum Executive Leadership Committee. As a part of this committee Misti played a role in generating concepts, acquiring speakers and organizing the panels along with other various responsibilities.

"There's a lot of exciting innovation coming out of emerging health sciences companies like TARA Biosystems right now, particularly in the New York City area," said Ushio. "Events like this are extremely important to spotlight this innovation and continue to advance the biotech investment ecosystem, which will help more companies convert cutting edge science into marketable products and technology."

The forum will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Apella, Event Space at Alexandria Center, 450 E. 29th St. in New York City, at 8:00 A.M. Dr. Radisic will speak at 3:25 P.M. The [full agenda](#) can be found on the events homepage.

### **About TARA Biosystems, Inc.**

TARA Biosystems is an early-stage life science technology company that has built a proprietary technology platform to develop physiologically-relevant, stem-cell derived cardiac tissue for in vitro drug discovery and toxicity testing. TARA Biosystems is backed by [Harris & Harris Group, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:TINY). More information the company can be found at [www.tarabiosystems.com](http://www.tarabiosystems.com).

## About The Health Sciences Innovation Investment Forum

The American Heart Association NYC Health Sciences Innovation Investment Forum is an annual event bringing together the great minds from industry, investment and academia for a world-class collaborative discussion. Through this Forum the American Heart Association will foster relationships between key parties that will benefit the entire health sciences ecosystem and drive much needed resources towards innovation in cardiovascular research and technology.

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