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## LA BioMed Researcher Elected President of the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

### *Dr. Matthew J. Budoff to Lead International Professional Association*

LOS ANGELES (August 3, 2010) – Matthew J. Budoff, MD, FACC, FAHA, who serves as the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute (LA BioMed) director of cardiac computed tomography (CT), became the new president of the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography at its July meeting in Las Vegas.

The Society is the international professional association representing some 4,000 physicians, scientists and technologists advocating for research, education and clinical excellence in the use of cardiovascular CT, a painless diagnostic test that looks for problems in the heart by using an x-ray machine to take clear, detailed pictures.

“Congratulations to Dr. Budoff on this honor and recognition of his leadership role in the field of cardiovascular CT and imaging technologies,” said LA BioMed President and CEO David I. Meyer, PhD. “As a renowned cardiologist who has conducted extensive research in cardiovascular CT, Dr. Budoff is representative of the expertise found among LA BioMed’s 150 investigators. We are proud of Dr. Budoff’s accomplishments and pleased to see others recognize the contributions he has made.”

Dr. Budoff is a graduate of the University of California, Riverside and received his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine. He completed his internship and residency in internal medicine, as well as his cardiology fellowship, at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Dr. Budoff is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. He is the immediate past-president of the Society of Atherosclerosis Imaging and Prevention and a founding board member of the Society of Cardiovascular CT.

Previously, he served as chair of: the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Competency document for cardiac CT and magnetic resonance (MR); the CT section for fellowship training requirements on behalf of the American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart Association Scientific Statement on Cardiac CT.

Dr. Budoff is an author of the “Guidelines for Use of CT for Calcium Assessment” and the competency guidelines for peripheral CT and MR. He has edited four textbooks on Cardiac CT and serves on the board of the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association for Southern California.

He also has conducted extensive research over the last 20 years using cardiac CT to identify those patients at high-risk for cardiac events, progression of coronary calcium and non-invasive CT angiography. He has published more than 300 articles, book chapters and books on these topics.

### **About LA BioMed**

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