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## **Athersys to Present at 2015 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa**

CLEVELAND, Oct. 02, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Athersys, Inc. (NASDAQ:ATHX) announced today that Gil Van Bokkelen, Chairman and CEO, will present at the annual Partnering Forum, part of the Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa to be held October 7-9 in La Jolla, California.

This conference is the sector's premiere forum bringing together senior executives and top decision makers in the industry within the scientific community with the shared goal of advancing and translating cutting-edge research into revolutionary treatments and cures.

Co-hosted by the Alliance for Regenerative Medicine (ARM), the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) and the Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, the 2015 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa is a three-day conference featuring the program's two-day Partnering Forum, a Public Forum lecture and a full-day Scientific Symposium.

At the Partnering Forum, held October 7 and 8, industry executives will lead in-depth, interactive panels and workshops to discuss critical commercial issues facing the sector today.

The nationally recognized Scientific Symposium, held October 9 at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, will showcase leading academic research in the field of regenerative medicine and advanced therapies.

Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa is expected to attract nearly 800 attendees, including leading cell therapy, gene therapy and tissue engineering companies, large pharma and biotech, industry investors and major academic research institutions.

The following are specific details regarding Athersys' presentation at the conference:

Event: 2015 Stem Cell Meeting on the Mesa - Partnering Forum

Date: October 7, 2015

Time: 5:15 pm PDT

Location: Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037

A live video webcast of all company presentations will be available at: <http://stemcellmeetingonthemesa.com/webcast/> and will also be published on ARM's website shortly after the event.

Please visit <http://stemcellmeetingonthemesa.com/> for full information including registration. Complimentary attendance at this event is available for credentialed investors and members of the media only. Investors should contact Laura Parsons at [lp Parsons@alliancerm.org](mailto:lp Parsons@alliancerm.org) and interested media should contact Lyndsey Scull at [lscull@alliancerm.org](mailto:lscull@alliancerm.org).

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