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### COPAN Announces the Launch of WASPLab™

*Murrieta, CA – April 28, 2011* – COPAN is proud to announce the worldwide launch of WASPLab™, a barcode driven and conveyor-connected specimen processing system, which utilizes robotic plate management to automate specimen workflow in Microbiology. The unveiling of the system will be in Milan, during the 21<sup>st</sup> ECCMID General Meeting from May 7 to May 10, 2011, and in New Orleans, Louisiana, during the ASM's 111th General Meeting from May 21 to May 24, 2011.

WASPLab™ can manage various aspects of specimen processing and workup including planting and streaking, Gram slide preparation, enrichment broth inoculation, robotic incubation and storage, plate image analysis, AST/ID inoculum preparation, Kirby-Bauer disk application, and even MALDI-TOF Target Plate Seeding.

“We have developed WASPLab™ with the future of Microbiology in mind and an ongoing commitment to provide a solution for an automated single-piece flow system for specimen processing” says Norman Sharples, COPAN Diagnostics' Executive VP. At a time of diminishing resources where laboratories are pressured to grow business within current space, labor and expense constraints, WASPLab™ represents a clear solution to automate the tedious tasks of specimen processing and subsequent workup and frees scarce laboratory personnel to perform tasks that require their interpretative skills.

#### *About COPAN Group*

*With a reputation for innovation in preanalytics, COPAN is the leading manufacturer of collection and transport systems in the world. COPAN offers a complete line of automation and a range of microbial sampling products used for traditional culture analysis and molecular diagnostic assays. For more information, visit [www.copanusa.com](http://www.copanusa.com)*