



RarePartners and Fondazione Umberto Di Mario signed an agreement in the field of type 1 diabetes

RP announcement

January 2011 - **Rare Partners** announced to have signed together with Fondazione Umberto Di Mario Onlus a framework agreement, which has the main scope of developing new therapeutic approaches and diagnostic tools in the field of juvenile diabetes (type 1 diabetes), particularly for the most rare forms of it.

According to the agreement signed by the two non profit organizations, **Rare Partners** will be responsible of all activities required for the exploitation of research results originated from the laboratories of Fondazione Umberto Di Mario and for their subsequent transformation into new drug and diagnostic candidates.

In particular, **Rare Partners** will provide its expertise, know-how and network of consultants for the early development of the most promising projects, taking care also of the intellectual property protection and of contact management with potential academic and industrial partners.

The signed framework agreement, which will have initially a 5 years duration, opens the way for the implementation of several specific contracts which will be signed by **Rare Partners** and Fondazione Umberto Di Mario regarding projects of common interest for both parties.

About Rare Partners

Rare Partners Srl is a non profit company devoted to the development of new therapies and diagnostics in the field of rare diseases. The company was founded in Milan on March 2010 and registered in Italy as "Impresa Sociale". The basic idea of **Rare Partners** is to match non profit financial resources (public and private) with industrial drug development expertise, provided by the company's organization together with a strong network of consultants.

About Fondazione Di Mario

Fondazione Umberto Di Mario has been constituted in 2000 on initiative of a group of exponents of the Italian scientific world, joined from the common scope to actively promote the Research, the Study and the Formation in biomedical field. In the choice of its name and in the carrying out of its activities, the Foundation is inspired by the example and testimony of one of its founders, Prof. Umberto Di Mario, an illustrious physician and Professor of Endocrinology at La Sapienza University in Rome as well as the Chairman of the Società Italiana di Diabetologia (Italian Society of Diabetology).