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**BIOPARTNER EXPANDS UK PRESENCE AT EUROPE'S MAJOR LIFE SCIENCE CONFERENCE**

**Enhanced activity includes funding focused Biomedical Catalyst Scheme seminar**

More than 175 UK-based companies converge on Hamburg for the annual BIO-Europe partnering conference starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. BioPartner, the UK trade organisation for internationalising life sciences companies, will lead the official UK delegation of 50 companies, promoting their UK expertise and raising their profile at the UK exhibition stand and at the various networking events. Company profiles and activities are listed at: <http://tinyurl.com/bwtalfn>

BioPartner supports the recent announcement of £29.6 million in funding to UK life science companies under the Biomedical Catalyst Scheme administered by the Technology Strategy Board (TSB). Two Cambridge-based BioPartnership Programme members, Arecor and Domainex, will outline their initial experiences of the bidding process and project set up, at a seminar organised by BioPartner and UK Trade & Investment. Dan Rutstein, Director of Trade for Germany at UK Trade & Investment will provide an international trade perspective, with routes to assistance for UK companies seeking new business in Germany.

BioPartner works closely with the BioIndustry Association (BIA), which is engaged with the UK government in promoting the Biomedical Catalyst to support small- and medium-sized companies in the UK life science sector. The BIA is highly regarded by companies within the sector and by regulatory authorities for its leadership in speaking for the UK bioscience sector. The BIA has effectively influenced and shaped legislative and regulatory policy developments in the UK and Europe for the benefit of companies in the sector.

Lin Bateson, Executive Director of BioPartner, said, "We have established a significant presence at BIO-Europe over the past few years, and there are already several networking opportunities for UK companies. BioPartner is committed to assisting in the creation of a fertile environment for UK Life Science companies, and the introduction of this seminar, with key input from our partner the BIA, will provide attendees with information and useful contacts to further this aim."

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