

## A\*STAR and IFOM set up cancer research lab



The Italian FIRC Institute of Molecular Oncology (IFOM) and the Agency for Science and Technology of Singapore (A\*STAR) has launched a Joint Research Laboratory for cancer research in Singapore. The lab will focus on new targeted therapies against cancer. Milan-based IFOM, strongly believes that the future of cancer research relies on the establishment of international cooperative agreements to achieve the necessary synergies and benefits resulting from shared technologies, human resources and cross-fertilization of ideas. The lab will be led by Dr Cheok Chit Fang, a Singaporean scientist and A\*STAR scholar. The facility is the first fruit from a broad Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2009 aimed at establishing synergies between A\*STAR, and three Italian research institutes.