

## Mayo Clinic and CSIR sign MoU



Mayo Clinic and CSIR, India signed a formal agreement to collaborate on significant areas of research. Prof Robert Rizza, M.D., Mayo Executive Dean for Research and Prof Samir Brahmachari, Ph.D., Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India signed a memorandum of understanding on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 to mutually work on such topics as drug, device and biomarker studies relating to heart disease; chemical biology and applied genomics; and innovation in metabolomics.

“This is an exciting and positive step, based on our continuing discussions and initial collaborations,” says Robert Rizza, M.D., Mayo Executive Dean for Research. “We look forward to working with our colleagues in India to advance health care for everyone.”

“We welcome this new relationship with Mayo Clinic, with which we share many strong interests in medical and technology research as well as health care delivery at affordable cost,” says Samir Brahmachari, Ph.D., Director General of CSIR.

“We are engaging the best minds to help our research teams improve our fundamental understanding of disease and develop new more effective therapies for our patients,” says Eric Wieben, Ph.D., Mayo’s associate dean for external collaborations. “Strategic international research collaborations, such as this with the CSIR, India will help us achieve those goals.”