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## **GREEN CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE IN RAVENNA (ITALY)**

On Saturday, December 14 in the auditorium of the Palace of Congresses in the center of Ravenna it was held the "Green chemistry conference, the Italian way for a sustainable recovery: from the insights of Raul Gardini a new development model" promoted by the foundation Raul Gardini. The conference was attended by Romano Prodi, former president of the Italian Government, Catia Bastioli who's CEO of Novamont (the company that promoted the meeting together with the foundation), Marco Fortis , the vice president of the Edison Foundation Catholic University, the theorist and author of the blue Economy Gunter Pauli and the mayor of Ravenna Fabrizio Matteucci.

Twenty years after the death of Raul Gardini, the conference was aimed to tell the origins, developments and prospects in the field of bio-based economy in Italy, deepening the strategic significance and opportunities of green chemistry. The meeting concluded with the awards ceremony of the three-year research fellowship on the bioeconomy wanted by Raul Gardini Foundation as a tangible sign of its commitment to the future of green chemistry. The conference was an occasion for showing the still actual value of the insights of Raul Gardini. He was an open-minded and forward looking entrepreneur who in the 80s already thought that in the field of innovation it was opening up a new era in which the contractor would be increasingly called upon to become an inventor of new major operating environments, thus assuming the role of organizer and inspirer of productive resources for economic development. Novamont translates his vision in a concrete organization which is now leader in the development and production of materials and bio-chemicals through the integration of chemistry, environment and agriculture.