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Foreword
The Paul Neumann Association for Scientific Research

In 1967, the French companies affiliated with the Hoechst chemical and pharmaceutical group, decided to found a non-profit-making organization in France to foster chemical, biological, epidemiological, pharmacological and clinical research. This association was named after Paul Neumann, PhD, founder of the Hoechst Industrial group in France. Dr. Neumann always took a deep interest in the vast field of the health sciences. He was a man who preached exchange of ideas, liked young people and constantly sought to encourage new talent. He was also a man who looked to the future and his visions proved to be correct.

The interactions between the mind and the cardiovascular system are one of the most important aspects of prospective medicine. It is a difficult field to study, all the more so since it requires close interrelation between different branches of medicine.

One of the foremost aims of the Paul Neumann Association for Scientific Research has been to facilitate cooperation between the different branches in this field.

Back in 1970, the Association organized a first symposium (International Symposium on `Anxiety and Angina Pectoris') sponsored by the French Cardiology Society and the Medicopsychological Society. Later, the Paul Neumann Association participated in the setting up of a study, between 1971 and 1981, currently in progress in France and Belgium. This new symposium, organized at the initiative of the Paul Neumann Association and sponsored by the European Society of Cardiology, has enabled specialists in the field to meet and compare their results.