

- 1887** Institut Pasteur is founded.
- 1897** Profoundly influenced by the teachings of Louis Pasteur, Marcel Mérieux establishes the Institut Biologique Mérieux.
Across the Atlantic, Richard Slee opens the Pocono Biological Laboratories, which today houses the U.S headquarters of sanofi pasteur.
- 1914** In Toronto, John Fitzgerald establishes a laboratory for the production of a diphtheria antitoxin.
Formerly known as Connaught Laboratories, this is the headquarters of sanofi pasteur in Canada.
- 1937** Charles Mérieux succeeds his father, Marcel. He develops a foot and mouth vaccine, which during a severe epidemic in 1952, saves six million cattle.
Industrial virology is born and applied to human medicine.
- 1967** Alain Mérieux succeeds his father, Charles, and Institut Mérieux becomes a worldwide player in the field of applied immunology.
- 1968** Rhône-Poulenc acquires a majority stake in Institut Mérieux.
- 1973** Pasteur Institute production site is created in Val de Reuil, France. The site will be acquired by Institut Mérieux in 1985.
- 1989** Institut Mérieux acquires Connaught Laboratories and becomes the world leader in vaccines.
- 1994** Pasteur Mérieux MSD is founded. Known today as sanofi pasteur MSD, it is a joint venture with Merck & Co., covering 19 countries in Europe.
- 1999** Rhône-Poulenc and Hoechst merge their life sciences activity – pharmaceuticals, animal health and crop science - to form a single company, Aventis.
- 1999** Pasteur Mérieux Connaught changes its name to Aventis Pasteur.
- 2004** Sanofi-Synthélabo and Aventis merge, becoming sanofi-aventis Group, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical company, ranking number 1 in Europe.
- 2004** The vaccines division of the Group becomes sanofi pasteur.
- 2008** Sanofi Pasteur Holding acquires Acambis plc.
- 2009** Sanofi Pasteur acquires a majority stake in Shantha Biotechnics.
- 2010** Sanofi Pasteur acquires VaxDesign, a U.S. biotechnology company