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Preface

A great challenge of our time, Alzheimer's disease is one of the major concerns of the Fondation Ipsen pour la Recherche Thérapeutique. The Fondation Ipsen was created in 1983. Its essential purpose is to involve itself in areas of biomedicine where interdisciplinary collaboration is needed. Some of its objectives include putting leading physicians and scientists in touch with each other, publishing important works, and helping young researchers.

The Fondation Ipsen has already undertaken a large variety of initiatives, for example, by organizing several international colloquia on prostacyclin, atrial natriuretic Factor, PAF-acether, and cytoprotection (the series "Colloques Médecine et Recherche"). In the same spirit, it awards an annual prize and grant to specialists for the study of Alzheimer's disease. It also publishes documents on this disorder for the use of physicians and families involved.

With the international colloquium dedicated to the immunological aspects of Alzheimer's disease and cerebral amyloidosis organized at Angers on 14 September 1987, the Fondation Ipsen inaugurated a new round of activities: specialized meetings on the most up-to-date aspects of current research on Alzheimer's disease. The second in this series is the meeting on the genetic origins of Alzheimer's disease, scheduled for 25 March 1988 in Paris. Other events will follow, each with the objective of bringing together the most highly involved researchers and physicians in order to contribute to a real advance in knowledge.

Reports on the high-level scientific meetings will be published by Springer-Verlag in a new series of works, *Research and Perspectives in Alzheimer's Disease*.

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