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EDITORIAL

Archives of Cardiovascular Diseases: a demanding challenge

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For one century (first issue in 1908), the *Archives des Maladies du Cœur et des Vaisseaux* has conveyed the scientific expression of the *French Society of Cardiology* and drummed the beat of French-speaking Cardiology. Major discoveries in our field are contained in its pages. Carried by the dynamism of its directors, Charles Laubry, Pierre Soulié, Jean Lenègre, Yves Grosogeat, and Jean-Yves Artigou, the *Archives* have always flown high the flag of our cardiovascular medicine.

Times, however, have changed. English has become the universal scientific language, limiting the diffusion of publications in other languages, French in particular. The law of the impact factor has rationally imposed itself, automatically drawing reports of high scientific merit toward journals that are widely distributed, and the source of abundant citations. English language and a tight selection process have become the inescapable rules of scientific publication.

Confronted with this reality, the *French Society of Cardiology* has decided, in October 2006, to discontinue the publication of the *Archives des Maladies du Cœur et des*

Vaisseaux, which will be replaced by two complementary journals, with different goals:

One non-indexed journal in the French language, offering medical information and continued medical education;

One peer-reviewed journal in the English language, which will publish highly selected, original contributions, and solicited review articles. While the main goal remains the promotion of the best of French and French-speaking cardiovascular scientific publications, contributions from other countries are strongly encouraged.

The *Archives of Cardiovascular Diseases* are publishing today their first issue, under the leadership of Ariel Cohen, the new editor-in-chief, and the volunteered support of a highly dedicated editorial board. We wish this new journal a long and successful life, and the rapid attainment of its primary purpose, scientific excellence.

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