Dr. Louis-Charles Simard (1900–1970), Professor of Pathological Anatomy at the Université de Montréal and Head of the Pathology Department of the Hôpital Notre-Dame, organized an anticancer center at this hospital in 1942 and founded the Institut du Cancer de Montréal in 1947 to promote the different aspects of the fight against cancer in the Montreal area. He remained the president and executive director of the Institute until his death in 1970. An early president of the National Cancer Institute of Canada, he also participated extensively in the activities of the Canadian Cancer Society. The Hôpital Notre-Dame recently paid a well-merited tribute to Dr. Simard by giving his name to a newly acquired building that houses the cancer clinics. A view of the Pavillon Louis-Charles Simard is presented on the cover. Dr. Simard is pictured in the upper portrait.

Dr. Antonio Cantero (b. 1902) was pursuing cancer research at the Université de Montréal in 1950 when Dr. Simard called upon him to organize the research laboratories of the Institut du Cancer de Montréal. He developed an active group engaged mainly in problems of chemical carcinogenesis. Under his directorship, "the Montreal group" (as it was often referred to by American and European colleagues) made several contributions related to changes in cell populations and cell metabolism in preneoplastic rat liver. Original methods were developed by members of the team and new avenues were opened by their studies on the neoplastic transformation. Dr. Cantero retired as Director of the research laboratories in 1967 but remains a member of the scientific staff. The Institute is presently engaged in important developments of its basic and clinical research activities that should soon be grouped in a new building adjacent to the Pavillon Louis-Charles Simard. Dr. Cantero is pictured in the lower portrait.

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