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Sanofi Pasteur announces official opening of on-site historic gallery

TORONTO, July 8, 2011 /CNW Telbec/ - Sanofi Pasteur, Canada's oldest and largest vaccine company, is proud to announce the official opening of a conference centre and historical gallery to celebrate its 97-year history. Named after the company's founder, Dr. John G. FitzGerald, the facility features exhibits and artifacts chronicling the birth of Connaught Laboratories in 1914.

"The FitzGerald Conference Centre holds an important place in the history of public health in Canada," said Mark Lievonen, President of Sanofi Pasteur Limited. "It housed the laboratories where Canada's first diphtheria vaccine was produced, and where groundbreaking discoveries in the production of insulin and polio vaccine were made. These milestones and many others are captured in an inspiring exhibit. Restoration of the building was completed in collaboration with the City of Toronto Heritage and Preservation Services authorities, and has brought the building back to its original glory."

The conference centre is the oldest building on the Connaught Campus, aside from the Barton Avenue Stable which was moved from its original downtown location in 1935. The attractive two-storey laboratory originally included a large stable area with 22 horse stalls, an operating room and cold storage room. Dr. FitzGerald and his family resided on the second floor during the 1920s.

Dr. FitzGerald's grandson James FitzGerald, a renowned writer, said he is pleased to see his grandfather's legacy preserved. "Through a diverse collection of old equipment, artifacts, photographs and documents, the centre honours the contributions of my grandfather and many other public health pioneers. Sanofi Pasteur has done a wonderful job bringing its history to life."

While the facility is not open to the public on a regular basis, tours can be arranged by appointment. For more information on how you can visit the Heritage Centre, please contact Nancy Simpson, Director of Communications at nancy.simpson@sanofipasteur.com or by phone at 416-667-2955.

About Sanofi
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Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi, provides more than 1 billion doses of vaccine each year, making it possible to immunize more than 500 million people across the globe. A world leader in the vaccine industry, Sanofi Pasteur offers the broadest range of vaccines protecting against 20 infectious diseases. The company's heritage, to create vaccines that protect life, dates back more than a century. Sanofi Pasteur is the largest company entirely dedicated to vaccines. Every day, the company invests more than EUR 1 million in research and development. For more information, please visit: www.sanofipasteur.com or www.sanofipasteur.us

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