Synthélabo - History dates back to 1834

1973 – Taken over by L’Oreal

1999 – Sanofi - Synthélabo

2004 – Sanofi - Aventis

Progabide
Synthélabo sponsored the first Workshop on Neurotransmitters in Epilepsy

WONIEP-I

Focusing on GABA

Organized in by Prof Paolo Morselli and Kenneth Lloyd in Paris, 1981
Organized by Prof Fariello and included other neurotransmitters. Pete Engel was working on opioids and joined the effort in San Antonio, TX, 1983. Inc. catecholamines, opioids, neuropeptides.
*Pete Engel was “kicked out” for showing GABA can be epileptogenic
WONIEP-IV
1987 – Stresa, Italy

- Progabide clinical trials fail
- Synthélabo's pulls out
- Fariello, Avanzini, and Heinemann to the rescue
- Pete Engel proposes to Dreifuss to create the Commission on Neurobiology
- The Commission takes over organizing WONOEPs
Workshop on the Neurobiology of Epilepsy

1991 – Salvador, Bahia, Brazil
Organized by Pete Engel,
Chair of the Commission on Neurobiology

1993 – Tromsø, Norway
Uwe Heinemann
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