



**Thomas Widmann**  
Founder

A cardiologist educated at Heidelberg and Paris in Medicine and Computer Science with further training at the University Hospital in Geneva, Thomas Widmann later spent seven years at the University of California, San Diego, as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Cardiovascular Associate. During his nine years at F. Hoffmann-La Roche, he was responsible for the worldwide clinical development of the company's cardiovascular portfolio, which included eight large projects at various stages of development (Phase I to NDA). He was chairman of F. Hoffmann-La Roche's cardiovascular strategy team and led an international cardiovascular development team of over 60 people in Europe and the US. In 1996, he founded Hesperion, a company that focuses on clinical development and consulting. Due to his continuing interest in strategic R&D and other management topics, he has also attended business courses at INSEAD.

As founding member of Actelion, he was Actelion's first Chief Executive Officer and then held the position of Vice Chairman of the Board until spring 2003. Tom continues to work in close association with the Actelion senior management.