Fred Hassan is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Schering-Plough Corporation. His current position is the latest in a 30-year career committed to fostering innovation and science-centered entrepreneurship in the pharmaceutical industry. Hassan has a strong track record of executing transformational change in complex global companies, which led to sustained sales and earnings-per-share growth. His leadership approach includes a deep focus on fostering attitudes and behaviors among colleagues that are critical to driving long-term high performance — including the behaviors of collaboration, shared accountability and listening and learning.

Prior to joining Schering-Plough in April 2003, Hassan was chairman and chief executive officer of Pharmacia Corporation. Previously, Hassan was executive vice president and a director of Wyeth, formerly known as American Home Products. Hassan also spent 17 years with Sandoz Pharmaceuticals (now Novartis). Hassan received a BS degree in chemical engineering from the University of London and an MBA from Harvard Business School.