

**COMMENTARY**  
**1996 ISSOL MEETING**

This Abstracts Issue of OLEB presents the abstracts of the triennial meeting of ISSOL in July 1996 in Orléans, France. The original scientific program is printed which does not include the last minute changes that were made to adjust for presenters who were unable to attend. However, only the abstracts of material actually presented at the meeting are printed here. The abstracts are published in two parts. Part 1 is the oral presentations and Part 2 is the posters.

Hearty congratulations to Andre Brack and his local organizing committee for the outstanding job they did in preparing for this meeting. The venue at the Université d'Orléans resulted in the proximate location of the oral presentations, posters, refreshments and food; an environment that maximized the possibility for informal interactions between the scientific participants. There was an efficient, pleasant and helpful staff at the meeting site that answered questions and rapidly solved problems. Andre's fund-raising efforts made it possible to bring many scientists to the meeting who might not have otherwise been able to attend. In addition, these funds also made it possible for 320 to attend the final banquet at Chambord, a record attendance and a memorable experience. Andre, the meeting attenders and ISSOL are grateful for your vigorous efforts on our behalf.

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