COMMENTARY 1999 ISSOL MEETING

This issue of *Origins of Life and Evolution of the Biosphere* contains the abstracts of papers and posters presented at ISSOL'99, which was held from July 11–16, 1999 in San Diego (La Jolla), California, U.S.A. The Organizers of the meeting, ISSOL and the NASA Specialized Center for Research and Training (NSCORT) in Exobiology, University of California, San Diego (UCSD), La Jolla, California, U.S.A., are to be congratulated on a highly successful meeting. Particular thanks are due to Jeffrey Bada, chairperson and to the administrators of the NSCORT, Bill Baity and Lois Lane; not only for their outstanding organizational skills in arranging the meeting, but for preparing the collection of abstracts for publication. The abstract numbers shown correspond to those in the original program. The original session titles and the division of abstracts into the various topics have been preserved, although the posters are listed together with "invited" and "communicated" papers.

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