

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

This issue of OLEB contains the abstracts of the oral presentations from the 13th International Conference on the Origin of Life, held at Oaxaca, Mexico, from 30 June to 5 July, 2002. A previous issue (OLEB 32 numbers 5–6) contained the abstracts of posters presented at the meeting. The journal would be remiss, however, not to note that the date of publication of this issue almost coincides with an important anniversary in the field. Fifty years ago, a paper with the title 'A production of amino acids under possible primitive Earth conditions' by Stanley L. Miller appeared in the journal *Science*. That publication is generally acknowledged to have initiated the modern experimental field of research on the origin of life. A special paper by Lazcano and Bada in this issue commemorates this important event. Congratulations Stanley!

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