

Editor's Note

The *International Coenzyme Q₁₀ Association* should be congratulated for maintaining interest in promoting knowledge on the ubiquitous redox coenzyme, ubiquinone, coenzyme Q. Since its discovery in 1957 by Frederick Crane and colleagues ubiquinone was a focal point in understanding biological oxidations, e.g. Peter Mitchell's protonmotive ubiquinone cycle in 1975. This Highlight Issue represents manuscripts solicited for peer-reviewed publication after the Second International Conference of the Association, held in Frankfurt, December 1–3, 2000. The First Conference was held in Boston in May 1998 and was published as a Special Issue in *BioFactors* in 1999 (Volume 9, pages 81–384; 38 papers). The Third Conference will take place in London, UK, November 22–24, 2002 (contact: littarru@popcsi.unian.it).

Life as an Editor is not easy; why should it be? The present Highlight Issue contains carefully peer-reviewed original articles or minireviews, and the percentage of accepted papers was not higher than in the normal flow of manuscripts submitted to *Free Radical Research*.

It is hoped that the general readership of this journal will benefit from this Highlight Issue, and thanks go to all involved for their efforts, notably Prof. Gian Paolo Littarru, Marlies Scholtes, and last but not least the diligent Reviewers.

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