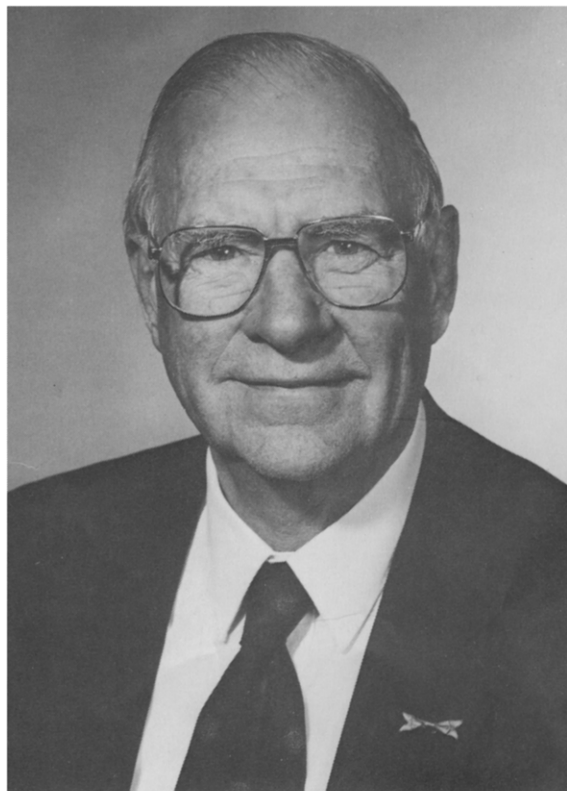


***Biochimica et Biophysica Acta*: 40 years on**



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Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, the first truly international journal in the field of biochemistry and biophysics, and now undoubtedly one of the largest, is celebrating its 40th anniversary with this issue.

The journal was founded in 1947 by Professor H.G.K. Westenbrink, who remained Managing Editor of the journal until 1964. He was succeeded by Professor E.C. Slater, who was able to fulfil this function until his recent retirement as Chairman of the Board of Managing Editors. Professor

Slater was encouraged to write a history of BBA, recalling its remarkably rapid growth and some of the intricacies involved in the journal's birth and early development [1].

On the auspicious occasion of the journal's 40th birthday, the Publisher would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have played an active role in the journal's development, and looks forward to further stimulating developments over subsequent decades.

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