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This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of the book *Origin of Eukaryotic Cells*. The book is still a reference in its consideration of symbiosis as an evolutionary force. As its author, Lynn Margulis, said, this idea had been expressed before by several authors from Eastern Europe, who had considered that the idea of Darwinian evolution based only on mutation was not sufficient to explain several fundamental changes in cellular evolution, such as the origin of cells of both algae and plastids-carrier plants. Lynn Margulis was a pioneer on different fronts and a model for other women wanting to dedicate their careers to research, especially those facing what she called “The Red Shoes” (title of a 1948 film) dilemma of having to choose between career and family.

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