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This first issue (Volume 127, Part 1) contains a selection of extended papers presented at the symposium run jointly by the Royal Society of Victoria and the Australian Association of Humboldt Fellows in October 2014, which examined the contribution made to science in Victoria by German scholars and researchers during the nineteenth century.

The second issue will include peer-reviewed papers on a variety of topics.

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