

WELCOMING ADDRESS

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I feel very honored to be able to welcome you here on behalf of IUPAP, the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics. Certain of you, I'm afraid, may not yet know anything about IUPAP. IUPAP is a collection of all the physical societies all over the world in an international union. The members are chosen and elected for a three year term, and may stay on for an additional three years. I have had the honor of being the chairperson of the Nuclear Physics Commission of IUPAP for six years, and I will be replaced at the end of this week. So this is the last opportunity for me to welcome an IUPAP-sponsored meeting.

The interest of physicists in having an international union organized without regard for political, religious, or ethnic differences is one of the most important efforts toward the communication and circulation of a common language throughout the world. On this point I may say that this Conference, with its IUPAP sponsorship, helps contribute toward this goal, since it cuts across the background of political tensions and other factionalisms.

IUPAP sponsors a series of Conferences like this one, paying careful attention to where they are held. As many nations as possible should have the opportunity to host such Conferences: through them the possibility is offered to many of their own physicists to meet eminent scientists from all over the

world. You will have occasion to consider this point this week, when you meet during your Eighth International Conference on Cyclotrons and Their Applications to decide the time and place of the next conference. You should try to answer three questions. First, is it really necessary to hold a ninth one? Second, is the frequency of meetings that you now have a good one? And third, what should be the best place to have the next one? Having more or less decided these three questions amongst yourselves as the eminent specialists you are, you can then apply for sponsorship from IUPAP, and I am pretty sure that the next chairperson will follow your desires.

Now let me say a little more about cyclotrons, because I am not only chairperson of the Nuclear Physics Commission of IUPAP, but I am also an experimentalist, and have spent nearly all my life using cyclotrons — I am not able to run a cyclotron, but I am able to use them. I feel encouraged by a meeting such as this, because it shows us that you are still thinking about new machines, new techniques, new improvements, new ways of giving us instruments of the finest quality. All the experimentalists, all the nuclear physicists, are very conscious of the fact that without these marvelous tools, we could never do our experiments properly. For that I thank you very much, and I say welcome to you, and have a good conference.