

## FOREWARD

The Twenty-first International Linear Accelerator Conference (LINAC2002) was held at the Hotel Hyundai, Gyeongju, Korea, from August 19 through 23, 2002. The number of registered attendees at this conference was 342 from fourteen countries. We were gratified to be able to bring the conference to Korea for the first time. The local organizing work was performed by Linac scientists and other support staff from Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) in association with the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute (KAERI) and the Center for High Energy Physics (CHEP) at Kyungpook National University.

The conference was opened by Dr. Chung-won Cho, Director-General of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Prof. Jin-chul Jung, Acting President of POSTECH. The conference program followed this conference's traditional format: no parallel session, invited talks in the morning and early afternoon followed by poster sessions. Following the Program Committee meeting held at Argonne National Laboratory on January 14-15, 2002, letters were sent to the authors of the invited papers. In the end, there were 41 invited talks and 256 contributed poster papers, from which 33 were selected for oral-poster presentations.

All participants were invited to the Welcome Reception held at the Roof Garden on the evening on Sunday, August 18. The conference banquet was held at the convention hall of Hotel Hyundai on Thursday, August 22. The mayor of Gyeongju, Mr. Sang-sung Baik welcomed all conference participants and companions, after which they enjoyed dinner and a Korean folk dance and music performance. On Wednesday, August 21, the traditional conference outing took place. There were two courses for the outing participants. One included Seokguram Grotto, Bulguksa Temple, and Gyeongju National Museum. The other course was hiking to Mt. Namsan, which is famous as a sacred place of old Shilla culture. After closing the conference on Friday, August 23, the participants and companions had a facility tour of the Pohang Iron and Steel Company (POSCO) and Pohang Accelerator Laboratory. An industrial exhibit also took place during first three days of the conference. Nine companies presented their products and services to the conference participants.

The conference proceedings were posted on the Web site soon after the conference was over. More than ten members worked in the Proceedings Office, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge Dr. John Poole of CERN, who shared his valuable experiences with less-experienced Korean editors.

The International Organizing Committee met on August 20 and determined that the Twenty-third conference will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA and organized by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. DESY announced that the Twenty-second conference would be held at the Congress Hall in Lubeck, Germany on August 16-20, 2004 and the conference hotel would be the Holster Hotel.

The success of LINAC2002 depended heavily on the enormous efforts of the International Organizing Committee, the Program Committee, and the Local Organizing Committee. As chair of this conference, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of them.

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