

## FOREWORD

The 9th International Conference on Cyclotrons and their Applications was held in Caen University, sponsored by IUPAP and regional or national scientific societies : EPS, SFP, SEE and under the auspices of DGRST, CEA and IN2P3. It gathered 275 registered participants between September 7th and September 10th.

As usual the first part of the conference included status reports of current projects under construction and in particular superconducting cyclotrons which progressively reveal their secrets. Special techniques or equipments like axial injection and new sources, beam diagnostics and computer control systems occupied a second part together with some theoretical aspects including beam transport and high intensity. The last part was devoted to applications and oriented toward the future needs for cyclotrons.

23 invited papers and 27 contributed papers were presented during 8 sessions and 96 posters remained available during the whole conference.

For the first time, was organized a permanent exhibition where 31 industrial firms presented their products or developments in the field of technology for cyclotron components or auxiliaries. Their financial support greatly helped the conference organization.

The University of Caen offered very nice campus and buildings for hosting all these activities during the conference.

The President and the Rector of Caen University addressed a message of welcome to the participants during the opening ceremony. It was felt that the choice of Caen for the organization of the conference was a sort of recognition by the International Committee for Cyclotron Conferences and their Applications of the importance, in the world, of the national GANIL project and a great incentive to follow up the effort of the country and region.

The City of Caen offered to the participants a reception at Hotel de Ville and a concert in the Hotel de Ville Cloister and allowed the conference to hold the traditional banquet in the historical Salle de l'Echiquier (chequer's hall) of the Caen Castle.

A tour to the Normandy landing beaches and Bayeux Tapestry and cathedral was organized before the conference and a visit to Orsay, Saclay and Grenoble laboratories took place after.

The Local Organizing Committee, honoured to have been chosen for preparing the conference, acknowledges - besides the great help received from the University and the City - the contribution of all participants and industrial firms to the success of the conference and was happy of their appreciation of the welcome organized for them.

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