

OPENING REMARKS

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It is a great honor for all of us at Indiana University to welcome you to this Eighth International Conference on Cyclotrons and Their Applications. We believe Bloomington is an appropriate site for the Conference — although we recognize that our community lacks some of what Zurich and other previous conference locations may have had to offer the conferees.

Barely three years ago, at the time of your last gathering, our own Cyclotron was making its initial tests and taking its place in this distinguished international family of scientific facilities. Since that time, the Indiana University Cyclotron Facility has made possible a wide range of studies and has been host to visitors from many states and other nations. But at no time have we experienced the pride that your coming here today brings us.

This Conference is a remarkable event, one which reflects the special capacity of scientific research to bridge divisions between nations, cultures, languages, and ideologies. It is especially fitting that such an international conference should open here on the morning after peace seems to be assured in the Middle East through the Camp David talks: I can think of no happier time at which to begin such discussions as you will be undertaking in the next several days.

We hope your stay in Bloomington will be a pleasant one, and if there is anything that we as your hosts can do to facilitate your visit, we hope you will call upon us.