

COMMENTS ON THE CONFERENCE

The first European Particle Accelerator Conference (EPAC 1988) was held in Rome, Italy, from the 7th to the 11th of June, 1988. The idea to establish a series of accelerator conferences in Europe, latent for several years, materialized due to the strong encouragement and support it received from the European Physical Society High Energy and Particle Physics Board, chaired by R. Salmeron, and from the European Committee for Future Accelerator (ECFA), chaired by J. Sacton. The EPAC Conferences will be held every second year, in the spring of the even numbered years, so as to be interleaved with the Particle Accelerator Conferences held in North America in the odd numbered years. The Organizing Committee has decided, in a meeting held during the Rome Conference, that the second will take place in Nice, France, from the 11th to the 16th of June, 1990.

The organization of this first edition was made possible by the generous sponsorship of INFN (Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare), ENEA (Comitato Nazionale per l'Energia Nucleare e le Energie Alternative), CERN (European Organization for High Energy Physics), DESY (Deutsches Elektronen Synchrotron), the Saturne Laboratory in Saclay and GSI (Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung Darmstadt).

The Organizing Committee was overwhelmed with the response to its invitation. Six hundred and seventy-one participants coming from 25 individual countries, nearly a factor of two up with respect to the estimates, attended the conference. The high number of non-European participants (about 150) and the large number of institutions in Europe where accelerators are under development or in operation were the contributing factors to this success.

The Conference opened with an address from the Italian Science Minister Antonio Ruberti who spoke of international scientific collaboration and whose encouraging remarks were much appreciated by all. The opening and closing sessions were held at the Aula Magna of the "La Sapienza" University of Rome, in itself an inspiring experience for all present.

The scientific programme of EPAC 1988 consisted of four and a half days of plenary programme, with a total of more than 500 contributions. Of these 38 were invited papers, 33 contributed papers and 50 oral summaries of poster presentations. In addition, an average of 110 posters were presented each afternoon. The programme was so full that it may be necessary, for future Conferences, to consider including some parallel sessions.

An industrial exhibition was also annexed to the Conference and received much attention from the participants.

A word on the layout of the Proceedings. The invited and contributed papers accepted for oral presentation appear in the Proceedings according to the sequence followed during the Conference. Papers presented as posters and post-deadline papers follow; they have been grouped according to

the classification by topic given by the Programme Committee. Since during the Conference papers on different topics were presented during a same Poster Session, there is not complete agreement between the Programme Booklet and the Proceedings.

Major credit for bringing about the European Particle Accelerator Conference and for the success of its first edition goes to Günther Plass and Kurt Hübner, Chairmen of the Organizing Committee and the Programme Sub-Committee respectively. All members of the International Advisory Committee, the Organizing Committee and the Programme Sub-Committee also contributed considerable effort to the planning, as did the members of the Local Organizing Committee which I had the pleasure to chair.

The Magnificent Rector of the University of Rome "La Sapienza", Professor Giuseppe Talamo, kindly made available to us the main Hall of the University.

The Conference Banquet, held in the grounds of the Villa Tuscolana, one of the ancient stately mansions in the hills around Frascati made available through the kindness of the Director of the Ministry of Interior Administration School, was a most enjoyable occasion.

Special thanks are due to Christine Petit-Jean-Genaz and Silvia Giromini who expertly managed all aspects of the organization, including the social programme; Dolores Federici and Ferdinando Pacciani efficiently and competently managed the administration, Maria Fiorini was the editor of the Abstracts Booklet, Michele Barone and Pina Possanza were in charge of the Industrial Exhibition and largely responsible for its success, Orlando Ciaffoni and Massimo Pistoni organized the much used computer links to the Conference site, Guido Bernardi and Patrizio Panattoni efficiently supervised all technical aspects and finally Luigina Invidia organized and ably carried out the editorial work needed to prepare the Proceedings for printing. The proceedings are in the familiar IEEE format and the help of the IEEE in preparing the author's kits is acknowledged here, with special thanks to Ted Gerlach.

My thanks also go to the many others whose dedicated efforts were instrumental to the success of the meeting and that I had no opportunity to personally thank.

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