

## OPENING ADDRESSES

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Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Colleagues, Members of the International Family for the Applications of the Mössbauer-effect

It is a great honour for me to welcome all of you here on the occasion of the International Conference on the Applications of the Mössbauer-effect. My greetings come in the name of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and also in the name of the pioneers of this field in Hungary. It is a great pleasure for all of us that you selected Hungary to host the Conference after exactly 20 years, for the second time.

I mentioned the International Mössbauer Family with intention. We welcome them with special feelings. They are those members of the family, who seem to be faithful to their former decision to work in the field of the Mössbauer-effect.

As you all know, the Mössbauer-effect was discovered 31 years ago. In so many years many people, who had started to work in this field, changed their interest like me, who is now working in biophysics and I met Prof. Hans Frauenfelder, the organizer of the first International Mössbauer Conference here, in Budapest, while he was attending the Conference on Photobiology, a week ago. However, luckily enough, there are new young people, who joined this topic and work on it with enthusiasm. The presidency of the Conference in Hungary was overtaken from Prof. L. Pál (who was the president in 1969) by four juniors. I hope you will be satisfied with their work.

An interesting question arises, whether we have in the Mössbauer family young people present, who are 31 years old, or in other words, who were born in 1958. The organizers would like to extend a special greeting to them. Please, be present at the reception tonight.

Now, I wish you a really successful Conference, progress in understanding the Nature through the application of the Mössbauer effect. Do not forget to look round in Budapest in your free time and enjoy the hospitality of our country.

I now declare the Conference open.

Thank you  
Lajos Keszthelyi