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Dear ICENES Community,

Our series of conferences started more than 30 years ago as a spontaneous initiative of a brilliant group of scientists and engineers involved in exploring Nuclear Energy beyond the commercial grounds. It was evident that the field of “strong interactions” still had a broad way for further developments to harness the most powerful source of energy of our universe, in a safe way and with better use of natural resources.

Those pioneers as Harms, Heindler, Ligou, Velarde, Nuckolls and Routti considered it was necessary to have a specific forum for exchanging and discussing ideas not properly covered by mainstream research, and ICENES has played this role with a clear sense of fighting for a good cause. The Nuclear Field is plenty of opportunities, and no free from risks, and it is the spirit of human vocation to explore those domains where new findings can change some essential aspects of our world, as is the case of Energy.

More than 15 years ago, I had the privilege to succeed Archie Harms as Chairman of ICENES Conferences. He and his colleague Manfred Heindler had been pushing this initiative ahead for a couple of decades, and he considered that a new phase for ICENES should start as the turn of the Centuries was approaching.

A similar situation appears now, not in terms of time, but in terms of Geography. The interest for Nuclear Energy has shifted from some countries to others, and the Emerging Nuclear Concepts are now strongly linked to the Emerging countries in Nuclear Research and Development. This is why the decision has been taken to “change the guard” in ICENES presidency, and I am very honored to announce that **our series of Conferences will be chaired by our colleague Sümer Şahin, from now on.**

Sümer is a true ICENES oldtimer, and at the same time is a dynamic organizer who has never stopped in his quest for a better Energy for our lives. He was the Honorary Chairman of the current ICENES edition, 2015 (Istanbul, October 4 through 8) and he was well aware of the shift in geographic interest in Nuclear Power. So he has now the chance to produce some changes in promoting ICENES under the principle of finding the best and safest ways to exploit the energy contained in the Atomic Nucleus.

I wish to express my gratitude to him because of his readiness to accept this responsibility, and I am sure he will succeed in building a new forum to gather the emerging ideas from our deep and vast Nuclear World.

Be sure of my best compliments

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