Dear ICENES Community,

ICENES Conference series have started in 1978 in Graz by a group of scientists from around the world as a workshop in order to exchange new ideas on emerging nuclear energy systems and to explore the potential of nuclear energy beyond the conventional reactors. For the following meeting in Lausanne (1980), ICENES is upgraded to an international conference. The basic idea was to create a forum for developing and promoting common ground in advancing nuclear energy systems. Following conferences were held in Helsinki, Madrid, Karlsruhe, Monterey, Chiba, Obninsk, Tel-Aviv, Petten, Albuquerque, Brussels, İstanbul, Ericeira, San Francisco, Madrid with increasing interest and covering a great part of the Globe.

Archie Harms was the first Chairman of ICENES Conferences. In 80's and 90's, ICENES Conferences have continuously grown. José M. Martínez-Val has assumed the Chairmanship of ICENES Conferences > 15 years ago after the Obninsk conference. **During José's Chairmanship, ICENES Conferences become a world mark.**

I am greatly honored with the transfer of ICENES Conferences Chairmanship to my person, which I am accepting with gratification, and hope to continue promoting ICENES in future. I would like to thank my dear friend and colleague for the past 35 years José M. Martínez-Val for his confidence to me. **With the strong support and contribution of ICENES Community**, the conference series will continue providing unique opportunity to become familiar with the most recent advancements in innovative nuclear energy systems in fusion, fission and ADS systems, as well as looking at "bold" and "unthinkable" ideas on a sound scientific-technical basis. Along with progress of science and technology, the forum will also be open to intellectual debate leading to practical applications around innovative non-nuclear technologies, such as hydrogen energy, solar power generation, wind energy, electrical vehicles, deep space exploration and others.

With my best compliments.

Sümer Şahin

ICENES Chairman