

Welcome Address by Siegfried Grossmann

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Respected Rector magnificus, Professor Rebolj,
Respected President of the EASA, Professor Unger,
Respected Director of the School/Conference Maribor 2014, Professor Robnik,
Distinguished Honorary Directors and Members of the Organizing Committee,
Professor Theo Geisel in particular,
Distinguished Speakers, Participants, and Friends,
Ladies and Gentleman!

Accept please this welcome address with my sincerest regards and all my best wishes for a fruitful and exciting event: *Let's Face Chaos through Nonlinear Dynamics*.

Let's face chaos: This meanwhile famous School/Conference has already a long and extraordinarily successful tradition and history. It is the success of the great idea, to have an attractive combination of a school and a conference: A school devoted to highest level teaching and because of that an exciting, most effective learning; a conference devoted to the exchange of most recent progress in various fields under the unifying headline of nonlinear, chaotic dynamics, our common field of longstanding scientific engagement.

This is the first time that for personal reasons I am unfortunately unable to participate, to contribute, to learn and listen as well as lecture myself.

I am sure that this 9th event will be as exciting, as vivid, as scientifically stimulating as all the eight previous ones. All this started in 1993, then organized in Ljubljana by a highly enthusiastic and extraordinary engaged student, Maja Malus, under the wise guidance of Marko Robnik, continuing already one year later and then for a while every two years, changing the location from Ljubljana to Maribor, stabilizing now as an every three years event in Maribor at the Drava. Many of you will feel like home meanwhile in this wonderful old, vivid City.

Looking at the program I am convinced that also this 9th *Let's face chaos through nonlinear dynamics* meeting will be scientifically outstanding and highly attractive. And again it has an unusual cultural program too, as in all previous school/conferences, and it will take place as always simultaneously with the Lent-Festival, which many of us have visited as an exciting frame of an exciting scientific event.

I wish you a very good time here at the University of Maribor, during which you learn new, stimulating physics, listen to excellent talks, have fruitful discussions, get good ideas, meet many interesting people, can participate in the concert program and other events.

Have a wonderful stay in Maribor and with the School/Conference
And face Chaos through nonlinear dynamics!

Sincerely yours,
Siegfried Grossmann, thinking on you in absentia