

## The 14th International Conference on Condensed Matter Nuclear Science

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Dear ICCF-14 Attendees, Colleagues and Friends,

ICCF-14 would not have happened without the numerous, energetic and successful efforts of Mike Melich to raise money from US government and multiple private sources. We owe him much gratitude for that, and also for his leadership, management and scientific contributions. His counsel has been invaluable.

Jed Rothwell contributed immensely to the production of these proceedings. His many ideas and relentless hard work with this project and the web site lenr-canr.org are very important to our field.

Ian Godfrey of the Marriott Library of the University of Utah did a marvelous job in printing these Proceedings. He was also responsible for packaging and mailing. Our emphatic thanks to him!

Here are two versions of the Proceedings of the ICCF-14. The printed copy is in black and white, but the DVD has a colored version. Both volumes of the proceedings are also on the web at:

http://www.iscmns.org/iccf14/ProcICCF14a.pdf (Volume 1) http://www.iscmns.org/iccf14/ProcICCF14b.pdf (Volume 2)

If you look closely at the ICCF-14 proceedings, you will see that we incorporated some unusual features. First, the preface has a history of the ICCF series of conferences. It lists various numerical factors associated with the ICCF.

More important, each of the technical sections starts with an introduction to the topic of the section and a very short summary of the papers in the section. The introductory materials are meant to help people new to our field, or to a topic within the field, to better understand the subject and the following papers in these volumes.

The section on Theory is the largest of the proceedings. There is a compact summary of the many theories presented at the conference on page 476 in the second volume. It does not cover all theories in the field, since some were not represented at the conference. Rod Johnson and Mike Melich did a wonderful job with this compilation. Scott Chubb contributed valuable comments for editing of the section on Theory.

We included papers from the two sessions honoring the many contributions of Yoshiaki Arata and Stanislaw Szpak. Also, there is a sketch of the current Country History project, which aims to summarize the work on LENR in each of the countries with major contributions to the field.

The DVD has many photos, most of which were taken by the conference photographer and his brother, Duy and Chau Tran. Some of the photos are not really sharp or flattering, but a lot of them are good. Some people are imaged often and others seldom, or maybe not at all. Anyway, if a person simply flips through the photographs, it should seem that an interesting scientific conference happened and the participants had some fun.

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Those of us who work on the Fleischmann-Pons Effect find it an exciting and challenging field of research with remarkable practical potential. As a scientific effect, it is already historic. It remains to be seen if it will turn out to be a "game changing" practical source of energy. The field is indeed EXCITING NEW SCIENCE and offers POTENTIAL CLEAN ENERGY.

with best regards,

David J. Nagel Research Professor

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Dear Colleagues,

Dave Nagel stood up during the International Advisory Committee meeting in Yokohama and volunteered to be in standby mode to Chair ICCF-13 should the logistics for that meeting become overwhelming for our Russian colleagues. Fortunately, the indefatigable and energetic Yuri Bazhutov and colleagues pulled off a superb conference at Sochi and, on a personal note, managed to get me an introduction to Marianne Macy, now my wife. For that I shall be eternally grateful.

At Sochi, Dave again volunteered to Chair ICCF-14. He has put forth extraordinary efforts in conjunction with his wife Carol to produce ICCF-14. Dave recruited a number of us to help and gave us great titles, but in the end this was Nagel's conference and proceedings. I would personally like to thank him for allowing me to serve under his leadership and for bringing this episode in the life of the ICCF series of conferences to a very satisfying conclusion.

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