

Distinguished guests, dear colleagues and dear students I am honored to welcome you to our conference.

Almost a year ago we lost our friends and colleagues in a meaningless plane accident. The loss of Prof. Engin Arik, Ozgen Berkol Dogan, Engin Abat from Bogazici University and Prof. Senel Boydag, Associate Prof. Iskender Hikmet and Mustafa Fidan from Dogus University was very sudden and tragic for us. The Physics Department at Bogazici University and the division of Sciences at Dogus University agreed to remember them by holding a scientific conference. The scope of the conference encompasses the topics and areas they had either worked or been interested in.

We are extremely grateful to all the participants of the conference for accepting our call and being here this week with us.

Before I invite the vice rectors of both universities for the official opening of the conference, I would like to thank my colleagues, Zuhul Kaplan, Taylan Akdogan and Serkant Cetin for making it possible for us to be at this point. Especially Zuhul has been instrumental in taking care of all administrative and organizational issues related to the conference. I should also mention the contributions of our assistants and other members of our department. I would also like to express my gratitude to the rectors of both universities, NEL Electronics and the Turkish Atomic Agency for their contribution to our conference.

For the last several years Turkish Atomic Agency has been fully supporting research in experimental high energy physics and we are grateful for their generous support of this conference.

Now I would like to invite vice Rector Professor Gulay Barbarosoglu on behalf of Rector Prof. Kadri Ozcaldiran to open the conference.

Now I would like to invite advisor to the rector Associate Prof. Ahmet Ceranoglu on behalf of Rector Mitat Uysal of Dogus University to deliver his opening remarks.

Now we will continue with the memorial session in the alphabetical order.