

Welcome address to the 33rd IUPAP GA

1. Thank Prof. Jie Zhang, President of the Chinese Physical Society

And to Prof. Zhong Fang, VP of the Chinese Physical Society, director of Institute of Physics who will say few words after me

Thanks to Prof Li Lu Chair of the local organizing committee and to the local organizing committee for receiving us so well and for all their work to make these events a success. Thanks for their generous and warm hospitality.

2. As I said yesterday, It is the first time that we have the IUPAP GA in China in 100 years IUPAP history and the first in person GA since Covid 19. In 2019, it was foreseen to happen in October 2020 and postponed due to Covid 19. Since I was elected President of IUPAP, I wanted to have the IUPAP GA in China where there is maybe, the most vibrant physics community in the world, with that of the US (we see that with the huge attendance to the CPS congress comparable to the US APS congress attendance). So we maintained the goal, despite the Covid 19 and, finally we have it now, 4 years later in Haikou, Hainan. This is great news for us.
3. IUPAP is the only global organization in physics, contributing with physics to a better global understanding. As I said yesterday, the missions of IUPAP is to assist in the worldwide participation in and the worldwide development of physics, to foster applications of physics which could help to solve problems of concern to humanity (in particular today , global equitable well-being on a healthy lively planet). We should have this in mind during the GA

Thank you for coming so many and from so far, reconstituting the IUPAP family. Last time we met in person was in Sai Paulo, Brazil in 2017, long time ago. But, since 2020, we have yearly on-line GA which ensures continuity.