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## Welcome message from General Chair Dr. Robert V. Duncan



**It gives me great pleasure** to welcome you to this year's International Conference on Condensed Matter Nuclear Science, (ICCF), the 18th meeting of this community. We at the University of Missouri (MU) are delighted to team with ENEA and National Instruments to review and explore developments in condensed matter nuclear science. There have been great advances in this discipline over the last five years by research labs and private institutions around the world, and this work will be explored at ICCF-18. The Naval Research Lab (NRL), and many other excellent laboratories have confirmed that the excess heat effects reported by Fleischmann and Pons are real, and roughly one thousand times larger than can be attributed to a chemical process. Other phenomena, such as transmutation and nuclear process of geologic origin, remain at the forefront of current inquiry. There have also been developments and confirmations of nuclear process in other condensed matter systems, and many of these reports come from outside the traditional ICCF Community. For example, NASA, using its FERMI gamma burst satellite has confirmed antimatter ejections from major thunderstorms many hundreds of times. In the past, we have seen the development of pyro-electric hydrogen fusion at UCLA, and the development of piezo-electric hydrogen fusion continues at MU today. Clearly, condensed matter nuclear science is undergoing a renaissance. Join us here at the University of Missouri as we review the state of our understanding of these systems, and as we apply the scientific method to understanding anomalous phenomena that are based upon reproducible empirical reports.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert V. Duncan".

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