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On behalf of the Organizing Committee I am pleased to welcome you all at the Infeld Centennial Meeting. I am especially pleased that today we have with us members of Leopold Infeld family, Joanna Infeld Francis and Eric Infeld. To set the tone of this meeting let me show you just one transparency on which Leopold Infeld is shown with his wife Helen and Joanna and Eric. I think that this transparency does not require more explanations. We would like to turn this meeting into a family reunion rather than a typical scientific conference. I am very pleased that we have today with us Professor John Coleman who was the first PhD student of Professor Leopold Infeld at the University of Toronto and Professor Paweł Urbański, the last Master Thesis student of Leopold Infeld.

I would like to very warmly welcome our distinguished guests: Professor Włodzimierz Siwiński, Rector the University of Warsaw; Professor Andrzej Jamiolkowski, Rector of the Copernicus University in Toruń; Dr Jan Krzysztof Frąckowiak, Minister of the State Committee for Scientific Research; Ms. Angela J. Bogdan, Counsellor and Consul of the Canadian Embassy; and Ms. Louise Starkman representing the University of Toronto.

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I wish you a pleasant meeting.

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