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ANNOUNCEMENT**

XX International Union of Crystallography Congress and General Assembly

23-31 August 2005

Dear Colleague,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the XX IUCr Congress for which an excellent scientific program is being planned. Thanks to the multidisciplinary of crystallography, presentations on the state of the art in a variety of subject areas will give you the opportunity to develop new fields of interest.

We are confident that the appeal of Florence, one of the most outstanding cities of art in the world, will do the rest, and that your visit will leave you longlasting, happy memories.

The Congress Citadel is in the center of the city, within walking distance of museums, churches and palaces of worldwide renown as well as of a great variety of hotels and restaurants. The second announcement with the final program will be circulated after the summer of 2004. Visit our web site (<http://www.iucr2005.it>) to get the latest news about the congress and to sign up for our mailing list.

Finally, do not hesitate to contact the congress secretariat for any further information. We look forward to welcoming you to Florence.

Yours sincerely,

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Paola Paoli

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