

Carlo:

You did it! You managed to put together an incredibly well organized 7-day meeting for 2300+ people! It boggles the mind (at least mine) to understand how you were able to do this. Perhaps you should enter politics. The Italian government is always in need of leadership!

Thank you most sincerely for the personal attention you showed to Joyce and me, from arranging housing to saving concert seats for us.

We look forward to seeing the Meallis in due course in Evanston/Chicago.

Cheers, Jim Ibers

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Subject: The XX IUCc Congress - a Huge success !

Date: Wed, 31 Aug 2005 10:47:04 +0200

Dear Dr Mealli,

It was a pleasure to meet you in beautiful Florence. I apologise for not contacting you later as I realised that you were so busy as it was a mammoth task to organise such a Congress. I knew you would be so busy. I must sincerely congratulate you for a job well done. The Congress was very well organised and we are very pleased to have been part of it. We look forward to further collaboration in future. I did manage to attend some presentations and, of course, toured the whole exhibition area. I did as well speak to some of the participants that we had sponsored and they were very happy with their participation. In addition, following my presentation, I got some enquiries about our Organisation and the role it plays. It was indeed a worthwhile visit for me in a variety of ways.

I had to fly to Surrey, UK, on the evening of 24 August for another commitment, but I at least managed to get a booking to go and see Micheangelo's David. Florence is a beautiful city!!! - and I must certainly make another visit in the future.

Once again, my congratulations to you for a job extremely well done !!

Kind regards

John Makhubalo

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Subject: IUCr 2005, Firenze

Date: Tue, 30 Aug 2005 17:55:17 +0100

Dear Carlo

When things go badly, people are very quick to criticise. When things go well, relatively few people are prepared to say 'well done'. I know this because we run a service industry at the CCDC!! - if we make a mistake, everyone tells us, if we get it right, there is silence.

I want to say that the Firenze Meeting was a huge success. It was very well organised at an excellent site. It was smooth, and everyone I spoke to was full of praise. Your colleagues and staff were helpful and friendly. You have performed a service to crystallography in all its aspects. Please tell your colleagues and the staff of the conference bureau that it was much appreciated (by

CCDC at least!).

Thanks

Frank

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Dear Carlo,

Now that the IUCr XX Congress is officially over I thought I would write a short note to thank and congratulate you, Paola, and all your staff for a marvellous conference. No doubt you are relieved that it's all over and you can relax!

My wife came with me as an accompanying person (she is neither a crystallographer nor a scientist) because we had never been to Florence before. We managed to see all the main tourist attractions and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We were amazed at the scale of the conference banquet - the food was delicious and so varied, and of course the location at the Pitti Palace was exceptional.

Finally I wish to thank you and the scientific programme committee for inviting me to chair Microsymposium 6 (Crystallography & Forensic Science) with Izumi Nakai. I was both honoured and delighted to be asked. Our speakers made some excellent presentations and the number of questions they were asked was an indication of the interest they had generated. The session was well attended and we had some very interesting discussions.

Thank you again for a wonderfully organised conference. I hope we shall meet again at some time in the future.

Very best wishes,

David Rendle

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Dear Prof. Mealli,

On behalf of the Spanish Crystallography Committee, I would like to thank you for the enormous efforts that you have made, together with Paola Paoli, which enabled the 20th UICr Congress in Florence to be such a total success.

All the Spanish crystallographers felt very much at home at the conference. So much so in fact that we would very much like to be able to use your experience to advise us about setting up the future Madrid Congress.

Best regards,

C.Miravittles -

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Prof. Carlos Miravittles

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Dear Carlo

I would like to express my most sincere thanks for all the work and the high quality of the organization during the Florence meeting. Please forward my recognition also to Paola. I really enjoyed it tremendously, it was indeed a great meeting.

Having organized the smaller ECM meeting in 1997, I do understand your mention of having become "more mature". This is however an extra value that you gained in life, and I am sure that you feel that this increased your wisdom and improved your positive attitude for the rest of your life.

My very best regards and thanks,  
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Dear Carlo and Paola,

What a fantastic meeting you organized! The scientific program, as usual, was very, very good, but I was truly impressed with how smoothly the local arrangements worked. You managed to feed a lovely lunch to what must have been one or two thousand people every day - without long lines. The banquet (for 1000 or more, probably) was beautifully done in a great setting. From what I heard the tours for accompanying members were also wonderful.

Congratulations to you both for your hard work - I hope you will have time for some much deserved relaxation now.

With many thanks,  
Connie Chidester

Co-Editor, ACA Newsletter

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Dear Carlo,

I hope that you have had some time to recover from all the concerns of the IUCr Congress. I want to thank you for all you did to make the congress run so smoothly and have such nice features-- great venue, wonderful location, well-organized sessions, thoughtful meal arrangements, nice social events, and much more. It couldn't have been nicer.

Thanks for all you did for me personally in arranging for such an interesting special session on crystallography and art, for the lovely special dinners before the session and on Sunday evening, and for the excellent hotel arrangements. I met many interesting people and enjoyed the congress (and also the sights of Florence) very much.

Your gift of a book on Florence is a wonderful remembrance; thank you again for that.

My best wishes to you,  
Doris Schattschneider

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Estimado Carlo,

Tal y como tuve la oportunidad de manifestarte personalmente, te trasmito, una vez más, mis más sincera felicitación, tanto a ti como a todo tu reducido equipo (Analisa, Paola, Andrea y Patricia) por el completo éxito de organización y de calidad científica del pasado congreso

Ha sido un auténtico placer y orgullo el haber sido una minúscula parte de esa extraordinaria labor.

Con mi cariño y reconocimiento

Fernando

Quizás el congreso de Zaragoza (Organometálicos) puede ser un buen momento para volvernos a ver!!!

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Dear Carlo,

I hope that by now your life is starting to return to normal after the years of work planning, preparing and finally executing the Florence Congress. It was a great meeting. You and your colleagues are to be congratulated for organizing such a large and successful meeting. I want to add a personal note of thanks for all the help you gave me when I needed special consideration or when I had problems. You managed to take care of everything with efficiency and good humor.

I am looking forward to receiving photos that we can use to accompany the session reviews for the IUCr Newsletter. (I promised Andrew that I would send him a note with the address to send the photos but I do not have his e-mail address - can you tell me how to reach him?) Speaking of the Newsletter - I think it would be very nice to start the coverage of the meeting with an introduction from you. It would be very interesting to know how many final registrants there were, how many accompanying members, how many meals were served, and any other information or experiences you would like to share with us.

My very best regards,

Judy Flippen Andersen

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Dear Carlo

I write to send my warm thanks for the splendid meeting of the UICr in Florence. It was a splendid meeting and most beautifully organised from the smooth presentations, the excellent lunches for so many people, and the general ambience that made it easy and such a pleasure to meet so many old friends. The programme was of an extremely high scientific standard. I am only sorry I did not get to say thank you in person at the splendid dinner on the Sunday evening after the delegates meeting but you were besieged by others.

Once again thank you so much for a really outstanding meeting.

With best wishes

yours

Louise

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Dear Carlo,

I wanted to follow up with a thank you for the fantastic job you did with the IUCr conference. I know it is hectic managing a big meeting like this, but from an attendee perspective, you guys did an amazing job and I and many others were thoroughly impressed. Furthermore, thank you for giving me the honor to give a keynote talk. I hope that you will get a much deserved rest after this meeting and enjoy the pleasure of having done such a great job.

Best regards,  
Ray Stevens

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Dear Professor Mealli, Professor Paoli, Patrizia Rossi, Andrea Ienco and Annalisa Guerri,

I would like to thank everything for all! I was very happy in Firenze. Thank you the bursary, this was the only chance for me to be at the Congress. This meeting was absolutely useful to keep in contact and to find a post doc position for me. So thank you again for your helpful works! Firenze is really a diamond in Italy and I was very happy to spend a few days in Italy!

Thank you everything again, best wishes and Arrivederci!

Niki Bathori

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Dear Carlo,

Congratulations for the successful IUCr meeting. I hope you get a peaceful vacation as we had.

Best regards,  
Menahem

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Dear Professor Mealli,

I would like to congratulate you for your excellent XXth Congress. Sincerely it is an unforgettable meeting.

The scientific program was varied and very interesting, the organization, the social events were perfect, the staff were very kind and friendly. And Florence is a nice city. In summary it was a great congress. I hope that I will be able to organize like such a congress and I count on your advice and aid to succeed the organization of ECM24.

In the other hand I would like to thank you for your financial support which has permitted me to stay and visit in Florence in good conditions.

Thanks also for your kind attention towards me and your friendship during the congress.

I hope that I will have the pleasure to welcome you in Marrakech.  
Thank you very much.  
I look forwards to seeing in Marrakech.  
Abdelmalek Thalal

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Dear Carlo,  
My personal thanks for arranging such a fine conference and also for looking so well after Demi following his accident.  
With kind regards,

Jan Boeyens

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Dear Organizers of XX Congress of IUCr,  
Congratulation for the successful organisation of the XX IUCr Congress and General Assembly.  
Thank you very much for the kind hospitality in Florence in this wonderful city. I would like to congratulate all the organisers for putting on such an enjoyable meeting. The scientific programme was stimulating. There were interesting lectures, varieties of posters and invaluable discussion with the colleagues. I would like to express my gratitude for the cultural, social program. It was wonderful too, the concert in Teatro Verdi and the Congress dinner in the garden of the Pitti Palace are memories for ever. It was also outstanding that the lunch was included in the registration fee. It kept the people together having nice informal discussion on crystallography and many other things... And the food was excellent. The spacious congress centre mixed past and present in the Fortezza. The venue was ideal, projections and speaker system worked well, the exhibition was convenient. Please extend my thanks and greetings to all who worked so hard for the success of the Congress The conference was a tremendous success.

My sincerest thanks,  
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Dear Carlo and Paola

Many warm thanks and congratulations to you and your crew for a organizing a most successful IUCr conference.

Not only did I personally enjoy all your efforts but all the reports from the conference I have heard at the ESRF have been equally positive.

I do hope that you have time to relax after all your work.

Hope to see you soon again

Best wishes

Sine Larsen

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Caro Carlo,

Congratulazioni per il piu' grande congresso di chimici visto a Firenze.

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Caro collega,

Ancora grazie per il gentile pensiero. Complimenti a te ed a tutto il comitato di organizzazione per la perfetta organizzazione sia dal punto di vista scientifico che per l'accoglienza e per tutti gli eventi del congresso. Spero di avere il piacere di vederti un giorno in Tunisia.

Mongi Debbabi.

Professeur Mongi DEBBABI

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Querido Carlo:

He dejado pasar una semana para que tengas tiempo para relajarte, pero no quiero esperar más para felicitarte por el estupendo Congreso que has organizado y decirte que lo hemos pasado estupendamente. ¡¡ Que tranquilo te habrás quedado!!

La verdad es que Florencia reúne unas condiciones para este tipo de eventos magníficas pues un Palacio de Congresos tan grande y justo en el centro de una Ciudad como esa es irrepetible. ¡Has dejado el listón demasiado alto a los próximos organizadores!

De todas formas contamos con que nos visites siempre que quieras ,pero pronto,y nos cuentes tus experiencias buenas y no tan buenas.

Un abrazo

Pilar

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Dear Carlo,

I want to thank you and the organizing committee for accepting and promoting the “Art and Crystallography” exhibit and minisymposium.

I also want to thank you for organizing the dinner before the evening session. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to talk with your wife (my table partner)but I was sorry not to have had a chance to chat with you then and especially after the symposium.

I’m curious what sort of responses you received (content, format, schedule, etc.) and whether you think this might be a good idea to propose to the

Japanese for the next IUCr congress, since they also have a rich artistic tradition.

Likewise, what sort of feedback did you receive about the exhibit? And thanks for providing prizes for the winners.

As you know, Annalisa Guerri did a great job with the exhibit and helped behind-the-scenes to make sure the audio-visual facilities worked well for the speakers. She was an excellent choice for an assistant. It was a pleasure working with her.

Finally, I want to congratulate you for your superior performance as chairman.

With kind regards,

Edgar

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Hello

Just a late note to congratulate you and all your colleagues on a most excellent and successful meeting.

Best wishes

David Watkin

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= Dear Carlo,

Congratulations again on a wonderful meeting. In order to have a more complete picture of distribution of travel support for the Florence meeting I would appreciate receiving copies of the records of all the people who received travel support for the Florence meeting directly from you.

Bill Duax

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Dear Professor Mealli,

... thanks for a great meeting.

My best regards,



Richard Bader

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Dear Carlo

It was a pleasure for me to participate in the Opening Ceremony of the XX IUCr Congress. I was impressed of the attendance and the organisation quality as well. I think it's an excellent example of best practice from large conference funding. Sorry, when I left I didn't find you to say good bye.

Hope you can pass and say hello when you pass next time in Brussels.

Tanti saluti,

Georges Bingen

European Commission. Directorate General Research

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Dear Carlo:

Thank you very much for your splendid arrangement and kind hospitality in Florence Congress. Could you kindly let me know how many participants in the congress? It is not necessary to know the precise number but rough number. If possible, I would like to know the rough number of the participants from each country.

Best wishes;

Yuji Ohashi

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Dear Carlo,

I would like to thank you again for inviting me to the wonderful conference. The conference was organized perfectly well despite the huge numbers of participants, and I would like to congratulate you for the successful congress.

With best wishes,  
Myunghyun P. Suh  
(South Korea)

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Well done on the best IUCr Conference ever!!

Hi Carlo,  
FANTASTIC conference!!!! Well done to the whole team.

Best wishes,  
Jenny Martin

Australia

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Dear Carlo Mealli,

I very much enjoyed the IUCr2005 congress in the beautiful city of Florence. The participants, lectures, posters, discussions, the opening ceremony (parade and welcome cocktail), the Art and Crystallography' exhibition and the concert were all most interesting and stimulating.

With hopes for peace.

Chava Brender

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