2019 World Fuel Cell Conference

It is my pleasure as the new president of the International Association for Hydrogen Energy (IAHE) to congratulate the IAHE Fuel Cell Division for organizing the World Fuel Cell Conference (WFCC) under the leadership of the IAHE Fuel Cell Division President, Prof. Xianguo Li. The Honorary Conference Chairs include: T. Nejat Veziroglu, Baolian Yi and Minggao Ouyang. The conference committee is supported by Co-Chairs: Xianguo Li, Zi-Feng Ma, Jianbo Zhang and İbrahim Dincer. The WFCC is designed as a multi–disciplinary conference covering the latest developments and advancements in the area of fuel cells organized under three major themes: fuel cells, hydrogen and their interconnections.

From a historical aspect, it is an immense privilege to follow in the footsteps of our founding IAHE President, Professor T. Nejat Veziroglu, who has helped shape the development of hydrogen energy and fuel cell technologies worldwide during the past half century by the establishment of the International Association for Hydrogen Energy, the International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, and organizing the biennial World Hydrogen Energy Conferences on even years and the World Hydrogen Technologies Conventions on odd years.

As we approach the next half century of our association, mainstream applications of fuel cells will continue to grow. Trends suggest that hydrogen fuel cells will be part of the least-cost solutions for decarbonizing our global economies. For example, fuel cells already support low-carbon electricity systems dominated by intermittent renewable energy resources. We must convey that successful innovations in resilient energy technologies require that we have clear and consistent energy policies, both locally and globally.

Best Regards,

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