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***für den Tagungsband „I S I T '97“ in Ulm***

It is my pleasure to welcome the IEEE Information Theory Society to Baden-Württemberg for its International Symposium on Information Theory. It shows that the German scientists working in this field have major contributions to this growing area of science. The presence of so many well known researchers in the field will definitely stimulate our students to start or continue their studies in this direction of Information Sciences on a high level. The IEEE German Chapter on Information Theory has about 200 members, highlighting the importance of the Information Theory Society for the local scientific community. Germany has a great tradition in research, and Information theory plays an important role in the fields of Mathematics and Communications. Several publications by Claude Shannon have appeared in German technical journals. A well-known meeting point for Information theorists is the Oberwolfach conference center in the beautiful Black Forest, not far from Stuttgart. I am sure that many new contacts will be made at this Symposium, not only between scientists, but also between science and industry. The choice of the city of Ulm as venue is an excellent one from several points of view.

Ulm is a city dedicated to science with many research establishments and a young university. It has been chosen to be the city where research in multimedia applications will be concentrated in the near future. Ulm is in the middle of a number of very exciting attractions. I hope that you will take the opportunity to visit a few of these and that your stay will be a profitable one, both from a scientific as well as from a cultural point of view. I conclude using the famous Ulmer saying that it is „In Ulm, um Ulm, und um Ulm herum“, where the action is!



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