

## From the President

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- **To**: IUVSTA Officers, Councillors, Alternate Councillors, Chairs of Committees and Divisions
- **Re**: ECM 122, Friday 15<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Braga, Portugal

Dear Colleagues,

I hereby invite you to attend ECM-122 which will be held from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory, Braga, Portugal. As always, we have to worry about the quorum requirements for an IUVSTA Executive Council meeting which are quite strict. I strongly request all Councillors and/or Alternate Councillors to fill the proxy form and fax it to me (with a copy to Prof. C. Eisenmenger-Sittner, Secretary General) to safeguard our obtaining a quorum. The proxy form will be cancelled if the Councillor or Alternate Councillor attends the meeting. Please note that proxies can only be given to individuals who are themselves entitled to vote at the ECM, i.e. Councillors, Alternate Councillors and Officers. Draft schedule and agenda will be distributed and posted soon on the IUVSTA web site.

This Meeting, being the fifth of the triennium, is very important since we have to continue and pursue the Union activities and initiatives. Among others, vital for our Union are the election of the President Elect and the selections for the IUVSTA Prizes and for the venue of the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Vacuum Conference.

The participation of all the vacuum society representatives and also of those admitted as observers is indeed very strategic and can strongly contribute to the next future of science and technology progress and collaboration among the Societies.

Attendance at ECM-122 is very important indeed, so please make every effort to ensure you and your colleagues can attend this meeting.

Looking forward to meeting you in Braga, I remain Sincerely,

Mariano Anderle