

Welcome Address

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Radio Astronomy is one of the very fruitful and important branches in Astronomy, breathtaking discoveries and great influential results were found in this area. For example, the pulsars, microwave background radiations, organic molecular clouds, masers, fine structure of quasars, galaxies and jets, "apparent super-luminal" motion as well as the technical progresses in aperture synthesis, VLBI enriched and highlighted the world of astronomy. On this meeting, peoples from all parts of China join our foreign colleagues here to discuss and explore the recent progresses in radio astronomy. The subjects of the conference has covered a broad spectrum of astronomy. Beginning from gas, dust, molecular cloud, maser, magnetic field etc., to Galactic objects, Galaxies and AGNs, and certainly, instrumentation will not be missed, as well as our future plans. July in Lintong is very hot in compare to Germany. However, next to our conference place is the very famous hot spring which were constructed in the Tang Dynasty more than one thousand years ago for the emperor and his princess. From the place, time and topics of the conference, I do think we have "threeHots", hot weather, hot spring and hot topics. Let us gain experience in hot weather, enjoy the hot spring, and devote ourself to the hot topics of the conference. We all look forward to a successful and memorable meeting here.