Address of Fulbert Mignot
Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During this Congress there were:

— those who solved old problems,
— those who proposed open problems,
— those who laid down the scientific directions of the Congress,
— those who thought about the role of mathematics in society,
— the builders of the town of Thebes dear to the heart of Bertold Brecht,
— those virtual participants whose presence was felt, although they could not attend for economic or political reasons.

I believe that everyone connected with the Congress worked in the spirit of Mies Von Der Rohe’s maxim: “God is in the detail”. I thank them all most warmly, as well as all of you who came.

All of us know the poem: “An air for the guitar is made from tears”. I hope that you will leave carrying in your memory some of these chords that make up the concert which is a congress, and that these chords will help us work towards a friendlier mathematical Europe.