I. PREFACE

Vorwort

In this year 2012, the Institute's reputation has been magnified through the award of Wittgenstein Prize of the Austrian Science Foundation (FWF). This highly prestigious prize has been given to us by the international selection committee, underlying the high appreciation of the research done in our Institute. Coupled to this prize is a grant of 1.5 Million Euros for the next five years, given to the Institute for scientific research. This flexibility and high level of funding secured for the next years, coupled with the investment allocations we have received from the university of Linz last year, will give our Institute a great momentum to renew the machinery and to hire highly qualified scientists.

During the year of 2012 there has been a great impact of our recent work on Indigo as a new organic semiconductor. Even though our papers have been appearing only in 2011 and 2012, a number of citations and papers related to our work have been published already in the literature. This new field opened up and large number of scientists entering this field of Indigo Materials and new international projects are being shaped. In the near future, these publications of our institute will be seen as a seminal work in "hydrogen bonded organic semiconductors".

In August 17-19, 2013 our Institute is organizing an international meeting with the ambitious title "Solar Energy for World Peace" (see www.solar4peace.org) in Istanbul, Turkey. Decorated with 5 Nobel Prized scientists as plenary speakers the conference's speaker list reflects the "who is who" in solar energy science and technology. This conference will be a major technical meeting, however, we will try to convey the message of a peaceful future for humanity using decentralized solar energy. We are expecting over 800 scientists as participants and looking forward to accepting high level contributions as talks and posters. An exhibition and technical showcase are also part of this three days meeting.

Last but not least, in our Institute the number of collaborations within the University of Linz as well as international partnerships have been growing and this effort is rewarded in beautiful joint publications in high ranked scientific journals. We thank to all our partners within the Johannes Kepler University and abroad as well as to all visiting scientists and scholars who contributed to this successful year 2012.

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