



I'm glad to welcome you on this special occasion to the University of Kaiserslautern, a university well known on a national and international level for its strong and powerful engineering, technical and natural sciences departments and its wide range of research profiles. Here, students find future-oriented courses, education with applied orientation, and a modern infrastructure.

Founded in 1970, we can be proud of the goals we reached until today. Our campus is located in the heart of Europe, and in the middle of the Biosphere Reserve "Palatinate Forest – Northern Vosges", and offers our students, professors and employees perfect conditions for a creative and innovative work. It's the place for open exchanges and personal contacts – I hope that, despite of your busy schedule, you will enjoy staying here.

I wish you an inspiring symposium here in Kaiserslautern, with interesting discussions and I'm looking forward to meet you at the concert on Wednesday, September 23rd and at the banquet on the following day.

Sincerely

Universitätspräsident
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I am pleased to welcome you on the occasion of the International Symposium on the Application of the STIRAP-method, also celebrating its 25th anniversary. We are proud to host this event at our University because STIRAP has been developed here by our colleague Prof. Bergmann - an outstanding member of the TU Kaiserslautern since 40 years - and his research group. STIRAP, initially conceived as a powerful new laser-based tool to help solve problems in molecular physics and collision dynamics, has enjoyed a breathtaking development and is now in wide-spread use in many fields of science and beyond. I am looking forward to seeing you in the frame of the conference program.

Vicepresident -for Research and Technology
Prof. Dr. Arnd Poetzsch-Heffter

A hearty welcome to all participants, also on behalf of my co-chairs Nikolay Vitanov and Bruce Shore ! Although I have communicated with all of you recently, there are many from the rapidly growing STIRAP-community whom I have not yet met in person. I am very pleased to meet about 100 participants from at least 20 different countries and 4 continents. You may be interested to know that the idea for this symposium was first presented to me by Prof. Nikolay Vitanov, Sofia, who was a regular visitor to my research group since 1997, one year as a Humboldt-fellow. That suggestion received enthusiastic support by Dr. Bruce W. Shore, Livermore, a regular visitor to my group since 1991, one year as a Humboldt-awardee.

Symposium chair
Prof. Dr. Klaas Bergmann

