

Preface

The contributors, colleagues, and his many, many other friends take great pleasure in presenting this volume to Philippe Choquard on the happy occasion of his 65th birthday.

Philippe is known to all of us not only as a theoretical physicist, but also as a man with broad interests and talents, a man possessing a great joie de vivre combined with a deep sense of the human condition. His enthusiasm for research and for life is a constant stimulus to those around him and to his friends around the world.

Philippe did his thesis with W. Pauli. Some of his early work in condensed matter physics were summarized in the monograph, "The Anharmonic Crystal," which was for a long time a central reference in this domain. He then made important contributions to the statistical mechanics of Coulomb systems and now works on dynamical systems and chaos.

Philippe's leadership qualities were shown early in his organizing of the theoretical group in Battelle (Geneva) bringing together physicists and mathematicians. He then went to the École Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne where he started the Institute of Theoretical Physics. Under his devoted and inspired direction this Institute has developed into an international center of research which bears his imprint. Philippe has also been active in both the Swiss and the international scientific societies.

To you, Philippe, the physicist, the leader, the teacher, and above all the friend, we wish many more years of happy, stimulating, and successful activities. Happy birthday.

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