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In welcoming participants on behalf of the Society, I am particularly pleased to announce that Dr Horning, Head of the Land and Water Division of the F.A.O. has come from Rome to take part in the meeting. The F.A.O. has played a significant part in the improvement of irrigation throughout the developing countries of the world.

The loss of a member of our ongoing team has been a sad blow. The late Howard Penman was a personal friend and colleague for 40 years. His contributions to the science of irrigation received worldwide recognition and practical application. He was enthusiastic about this meeting and we shall all miss his sharp, analytical contributions to our debates.