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Preface

These Proceedings contain articles based on a selection of talks presented at the XIIth International Symposium on Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance Spectroscopy, which was held at University of Zürich, Switzerland, July 19–23, 1993. The Symposium covered a wide variety of experimental and theoretical techniques for the study of nuclear quadrupole interactions and was attended by about 100 scientists from 19 countries.

The articles show that the "NQR Symposium" has expanded to include all aspects of the interaction of a quadrupolar nucleus with its environment. Thus, the name of the Symposium should not be interpreted too narrowly. Indeed, at the meeting of the International Committee it was decided that the name of future Symposia in this series will be changed to "International Symposium on Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions."

In a way, this change of name had been anticipated by the Prorektor of the University of Zürich, C. C. Kuenzle, when presenting in his amusing welcoming address (which you will find on the following page) a number of jocular interpretations of the traditional acronym "NQR" such as the "Non-Questioned Relevance" of "Nebulous Quantum Relaxation".

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The story of the frustrated NQR physicist

by

CLIVE C. KUENZLE

In a **New Quest for Recognition**, a NQR physicist decided to do some
Novel Quick Research of
Non-Questioned Relevance on a
Nebulous Quantum Relaxation phenomenon he had recently detected.

When he handed in his
Nervy Quivering Report to a Journal called **The**
Netherlands Quarterly Reviews of
Nuclear Quadrupole Resonance to address his
Nobel Quality Readership he received some
Nasty Quibbling Remarks from a
Notoriously Querulous Referee.

The referee's arguments centered on a
Non-Quoted Reference (which, of course, was a paper written by the referee himself), and
this finally led to the
Non-Qualified Rejection of the paper.

Even though some
Nagging Questions Remained, the frustrated physicist found consolation in a
Nostalgic Quiet Romance with his wife, which made him forget the fabrications of his
Nitty Quarrelsome Rival.



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