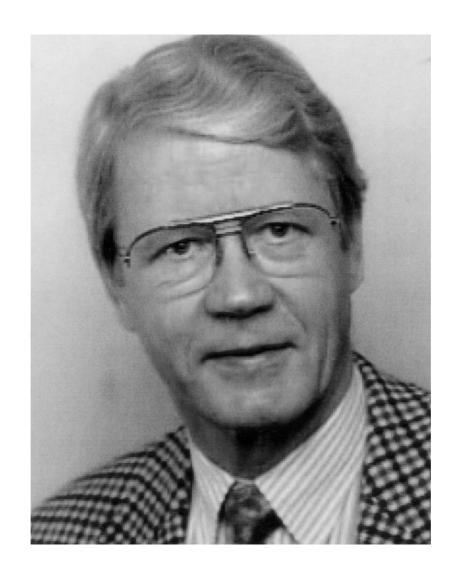
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NQI Award 2001

presented to Professor Detlef Brinkmann,

Professor Emeritus, Physics Department, University of Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland on Wednesday, 12th September 2001 at the University of Hiroshima, Hiroshima (Japan)

Professor Brinkmann had his scientific education at the University of Göttingen and the University of Zürich, where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1961 under the supervision of Professor H. H. Staub. After his post doctoral research with Professors H. Y. Carr and H. C. Torrey at Rutgers University (USA) and habilitation in Zürich he has joined the physics department of the University of Zürich in 1968, where he is now Professor Emeritus.

NMR/NQR techniques have been his main themes throughout his illustrious career. The range of his interests in the solid state is truly amazing. His ability to perform challenging experiments is the key to his success. His prolific work on superionic conductors started in 1970's, and his breath-taking high pressure experiments upto 8 GPa, using a diamond anvil, on NMR in non-hydrogen materials like Li, Na, Cs around the 90's. The Ag NMR work, resulting in the measurement of very small Ag diffusion coefficients (a record at that time) and the Ag relaxation at high pressure upto 7 kbar using compressed helium gas at low temperatures, or his more recent NMR/NQR experiments on high temperature superconductors (HTSC) (being carried out for over a decade) all point to his skill and capacity for developing the necessary experimental techniques with the associated instrumentation, coupled with a strong will to succeed.

His experiments on HTSC (mainly Cuprate HTSC) and their anti-ferromagnetic parent compounds using NMR/NQR stand out for their breadth, depth and thoroughness. All relevant and feasible NMR/NQR techniques have been applied to determine relaxation times (T_1 , T_2 , and T_{2G}), line widths and various types of frequency shifts, using temperature, pressure, substitution and ion-exchange as parameters.

Professor Brinkmann, as Chairman of the International Committee on Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions (NQI) has done yeoman service to the NQI community. His enthusiastic presence at the NQI symposia and his involvement in their organization and success stand testimony to his emotional attachment to the cause of NQI. His presence here today is a source of inspiration for all of us.

With all his achievements, he remains an unassuming, cheerful and friendly person who is always ready to extend his helping hand. We are privileged and proud to have him as one of us in the NQI family. The NQI committee congratulates Prof. Brinkmann and has great pleasure in presenting him the NQI award 2001.

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Preface

The XVIth International Symposium on Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions was held at the University of Hiroshima from September 9 to 14, 2001. It was attended by nearly 120 scientists from 16 countries (50 Foreign and 70 Japanese). About 120 research papers were presented (invited, oral and poster). The scientific coverage was wide, including theoretical and experimental contributions, and the techniques discussed were versatile: NQR, NMR, PAC, ESR, Mössbauer effect, β -ray angular distribution.

The symposium was hosted by Prof. Tsutomu Okuda, Graduate School of Science, Hiroshima University. The co-chairman was Prof. Kenichi Kumagai, Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University. The local Organizing Committee consisted of

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The special issue of Zeitschrift für Naturforschung contains 64 original contributions presented at the symposium. They have been reviewed following normal refereeing procedures.

The papers are grouped under the following headings:

- A) Advanced Techniques in NQR and NMR (5 papers)
- B) Bonding and Structure (6 papers)
- C) Phase Transitions and Dynamics (23 papers)
- D) Properties of Solids (7 papers)
- E) Theory and Calculation (5 papers)
- F) Perturbed Angular Correlations, Mössbauer Spectroscopy and Nuclear Physics (18 papers)

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Tsutomu OKUDA Higashi-Hiroshima, April 2002

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