

Dear Colleagues:

Prof. Joe Natowitz will officially retire in summer 2013. We will celebrate his distinguished career and outstanding accomplishments in many areas of nuclear chemistry and physics in form of a 4-day International Workshop on Nuclear Dynamics and Thermodynamics, [August 19-22, 2013](#), on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station. We would like to invite you to attend.

We will provide partial funding for the workshop. There will be no registration fee for the workshop, and we will cover all coffee breaks and the banquet for all registered participants. We also have some funds to cover the travel and/or local expenses for a few people who otherwise can't come. If you need some financial assistance, please let us know, and we will see how we can help.

One of the purposes of this email is to gather information for us to better prepare for the workshop, please let us know at your earliest convenience if you plan to attend. If you would like to present a talk, then please let us know the tentative title. In January, 2013, we will send the Second Circular to those planning to come to the workshop with detailed information about the online registration and hotel reservation, etc. In the meantime, please check the workshop webpage [IWNDT.tamu.edu](http://IWNDT.tamu.edu) for updates.

### **Scientific Program**

The Scientific Program will be structured around the following topics:

- Fusion and Fission Dynamics
- Thermodynamics of Hot Nuclei and Nuclear Matter
- Liquid-Gas Phase Transition and Nuclear Multifragmentation
- Clusters in Nuclei, Nuclear Reactions and the Crust of Neutron Stars
- Nuclear Equation of State and its Astrophysical Applications
- Symmetry Energy of Nucleonic Matter and Isospin Effects in Nuclear Reactions
- Dynamics and Thermodynamics of Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions
- Applications of Nuclear Science and Technology

### **VISA to enter the United States**

Participants and their accompanying persons who require a visa to enter the United States should submit the necessary application to the nearest US consular representative well in advance. A letter of invitation, if needed, can be requested by email from Dr. Bao-An Li ([Bao-An.Li@tamuc.edu](mailto:Bao-An.Li@tamuc.edu))

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Local Organizing Committee: Marina Barbui, Robert H. Burch Jr., Cheri Davis, Kris Hagel (Co-Chair) and Bao-An Li (Co-Chair and Scientific Secretary)