

TO THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL

When I first learned of the devastation to Belarus (and parts of Ukraine) from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, I was strongly distressed at the intense penalty that was imposed on a nation, its people, and especially its children. I determined to do something for the "Children of Chernobyl." I desire to express my commendations to those who risked their lives to tell the world about the silent killer in their land and all of us express our thanks to the concerned citizens from many nations that are trying to help. There is no nation on earth that is in a better location for an international conference on new energy than Belarus. There is no nation on earth that deserves and needs a new non-polluting source of energy more than Belarus. That is why I am here with you at this conference.

I am pleased to be the editor of the English version of the proceedings of this important international conference. Early this year I wrote to over 50 cold fusion scientists, whom I call my friends, and asked them to provide reports on their work. Each one was asked to write an article which would become a part of a "Cold Fusion Source Book". In addition, my friend Ben Filimonov of Belarus invited papers from leading scientists from his part of the world who had been successful in the development of this exciting new technology of cold nuclear fusion. With the help of excellent translators, especially Ms. Tamara Grinevich, those papers, mainly from CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States), have been included in this publication. In addition, we have also included some invited papers that deal with some other *enhanced energy systems* (new energy systems that provide more energy out than used as input or driving energy).

The first article in the Cold Fusion Source Book is mine and is meant to set the stage for the articles that follow by providing a review of the many new methods, in addition to the original Pons-Fleischmann cold fusion cells, by which nuclear reactions and/or excess thermal energy can be produced in relatively simple "table-top" experiments. The second paper is by Dr. Ben Filimonov, who categorizes the many phenomena of cold nuclear fusion and provides us with a new way of looking at this rich phenomena.

To the attendees of this conference and to those who will read of our work: we challenge you to make use of this knowledge, improve what we have done, and solve the energy problems so that there will never again be any more "Children of Chernobyl".

It is intended that this **pre-proceedings** of the International Symposium on Cold Fusion and Advanced Energy Sources be distributed with a diskette which contains over 1500 bibliographic materials on cold nuclear fusion and associated scientific phenomena. The Fusion Information Center, who has published this English version, believe that it has compiled the world's most complete collection of positive reports on this new science. We know that our collection is not complete and we ask our readers to send us copies of positive papers that are not included in our bibliography. We have chosen not to catalog all of the negative papers that have been written. In general, the negative papers merely summarize ways in which cold fusion does not work. Except to illustrate specific incorrect procedures that have been attempted, these papers have little scientific value. In addition, out of our great respect for well-meaning scientists who have been misled in their conclusions that cold fusion is somehow contrary to respectable science, we have not catalogued their temporary errors. We are sure that most of them will soon join the many scientists from over 30 countries who have been successful in the development of this exciting new science.