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Dear Colleagues and Friends in Science,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is both a privilege and an honor to welcome you on behalf of the local organizing team to the First Nordic Baltic Femtochemistry Conference.

As you may know, this conference is the 15th in the long-running biannual series of the Nordic Femtochemistry Conference.

It all began in 1997 in Lund as a local Swedish Femtochemistry Meeting.

Nine years later, it expanded to become the Nordic Femtochemistry Conference.

Today, we take another significant step by expanding it to include the Baltic region, becoming the Nordic Baltic Femtochemistry Conference.

Many happy returns to this conference!

To officially open the conference, I am pleased to give the floor to the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology at Tartu University, Professor Leho Ainsaar.