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Dear Congress participants,

On behalf of the 2017 CMOS Scientific Program Committee (SPC) let me welcome you to our 51<sup>st</sup> annual CMOS Congress, being held this year in Toronto. We had a very good response to our call for abstract submissions and will have approximately 300 papers presented orally as well as 150 poster presentations. We have 8 invited plenary speakers, many parallel sessions, panel discussions and workshops to keep you busy and interested during the congress. It is a full program and the session chairs will do their best to keep things on time. If you are presenting orally, please keep to time and allow a few minutes for questions at the end of your talk. If you have a poster please attend the designated poster session. These can often be the best way to present your work to others with interests in the same area and provide an excellent opportunity to make new contacts, explain your work and benefit from others advice. All congress participants should make a serious effort to engage in discussions around the posters, both to learn and, where appropriate, to provide sage and helpful guidance and ideas.

On a personal note, I just missed the first CMOS congress in Ottawa, but I was at the second (1968) in Calgary along with at least two fellow members of this year's SPC. I think all three of us have attended most of the congresses between then and now and I sincerely hope that the SPC and fellow session conveners, together of course with all of the presenters, have put together a program to match the high standards achieved over the past 50 years.

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