

BIENVENUE

G. RIGHINI.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

On behalf of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche and of its President, I have the pleasure to welcome you to this town and to this palace where we will, in a few minutes, begin the work of the 19th I. A. U. Symposium.

Professor Polvani, President of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, regrets very much that he is not able to be with us, but pressing engagements are keeping him, for a few days longer, in the United States; I have here a telegram from him which I am going to read :

“ Impossibilitato partecipare apertura Simposium Site Testing invio cordiale benvenuto partecipanti tutti formulando auguri di proficuo lavoro ”.

Giovanni POLVANI.

(“ Unable participate opening Symposium Site Testing I send warm welcome to all participants with best wishes great success ”.)

Besides, as the Symposium which is now starting is in some way the sequel to the one held here about one year ago on the subject of the “ solar seeing ”, the President is offering to participants the Proceedings of the latter which have just appeared.

I have the pleasure to announce that the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche has given not only the hospitality of this building but also financial support to cover the organizational expenses and to a certain extent the secretarial expenses of the Symposium.

Moreover this evening the C. N. R. will give a cocktail party for the participants and next Tuesday an excursion to the Etruscan Tombs of Cerveteri.

Finally let me join you, with the president, in giving not only my personal welcome, but express the wish that the work which will be done in the next few days will be useful in the understanding of the still unresolved problems of “ Site Testing ”. I am sure that this is also the desire of all the astronomers, since it is of general interest observatories be located in places where the power of the instruments can be most usefully employed for our research.

