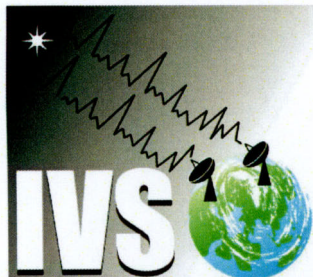


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Dear Director General,

As chair of the International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the generous support CRL and GSI gave for the second IVS General Meeting. It was a great pleasure to be your guest, the meeting was very successful. You have been a very good host, the organization was perfect. We all enjoyed the meeting program and the social program very much. I kindly ask you to transfer my thanks to the members of the Local Organizing Committee in your house, in particular Takahashi-san, who chaired the Local Organizing Committee, Kondo-san and Yoshino-san.

IVS recognizes the important contributions from your institute in particular the high technology developments, which are and will become important for future improvements toward our service goals generating highly precise parameters for the maintenance of global reference frames.

Thank you.

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