

## WELCOMING REMARKS

I have the great privilege to convey to all of you the warmest welcome and the best wishes from the Italian authorities who have sponsored this Symposium: the Ministry of Education, the Rector of the University of Rome, the Dean of the Scientific Faculty, the National Council of Research and the Italian Chemical Society.

When, two years ago, we undertook the task of organizing the Symposium we were fully aware of its importance, not only because the problem of chemical education is a worldwide one but because at the present time it is especially relevant for Italy. We feel sure that from the contributions and discussion by so many distinguished scientists and educators we will gain useful information and guidelines to improve our situation.

Prof. Illuminati, to whom we are all indebted for the enormous amount of work he has performed in organizing this Symposium, will describe the Italian situation during the conference but, as I said before, the problem is of importance for all countries and the sponsorship of the IUPAC is a definite demonstration of the general interest in this subject.

We have chosen to hold the meeting at the Villa Falconieri. Its location is far enough from Rome to prevent an escaping tendency or fugacity and not too far to prevent you from seeing something of our capital.

Villa Falconieri in its old days hosted many important people: Popes, Princes, Cardinals, Ministers and so on.

Now, it belongs to the Italian Ministry of Education and is used for meetings and conferences on education at all levels. For this reason, we are here and I am sure that the results of our Symposium will be of sufficient importance to recapture the renown of the Villa once again.

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