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Dear participants and guests of the Fifth European Winter Liquid Crystal Conference!

European scientists started this series of conferences in 1975, in Les Arcs. After four successful meetings in France, Italy, FRG and Yugoslavia, we are pleased to note that Bulgaria was selected to be a host of the Fifth European Conference. We hope this Conference will continue the good traditions of the previous ones in bringing together the members of the European and world liquid crystal community and will deepen the knowledge both in the theoretical and applied aspects of layered and columnar liquid crystals.

I wish to all scientists and specialists a pleasant and fruitful work at the Conference and new creative achievements in the combination of the fundamental science with the applied science and technology.

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