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### Foreword

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## FOREWORD

The First European Workshop SICL 99 on “Applications of Liquid Crystals” was held from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at Excelsior Hotel La Fonte in Portonovo, a beautiful resort area near Ancona.

The Workshop was organised in invited lectures and three working groups in order to encourage open discussions on the current industrial and academic R&D achievements as well as the future prospects of liquid crystals in display and non-display applications.

The last day of the meeting a joint session was organised with the six-monthly meeting of the European networks “LC-PHOTONET” and “ORCHIS”.

About eighty participants attended the meeting, both from academic institutions and from industries, coming from ten countries of Europe.

The meeting was organised in the frame of the celebration for the 30<sup>th</sup> year from the foundation of the University of Ancona.

The Italian Liquid Crystal Society (Società Italiana Cristalli Liquidi – SICL) has been the main sponsor of the meeting, however we should acknowledge also the support of the Università degli Studi di Ancona, and of the Istituto Nazionale per la Fisica della Materia (INFM).

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