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Dear visitings scientists and members of our University:

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome to our country and our University. We consider this Symposium that is about to start a most important one by several reasons:

First, the academic quality of the participants certainly assures that all of you will come out of it stimulated and full of new ideas to continue your research. This is doubtless the main goal of any scientific meeting.

Second, the Symposium honors a person, Guillermo Haro, whose contributions to astronomy and to the development of this science in Mexico are outstanding. It is not an exaggeration to affirm that, without him, Mexican astronomy would not be what it is. The recognition is thus well deserved.

Finally, we consider this Symposium as an evidence of the compromise of our University to maintain and enlarge its presence in the international scientific community, even in difficult times. The scientific research of high quality is and will continue to be one of the basic priorities of our University.

I would like to end this address emphasizing something that I assume is very familiar to you. One of the main purposes of this Symposium is the study of the Herbig-Haro Objects, which carry the names of two persons of different nationalities. I think that, in a way, these objects symbolize the international nature of scientific research.

We, as scientists, are fortunate enough to be able to get together, men and women, regardless of origin and belief, and discuss critically our points of view, emerging from the process with an improved knowledge of the universe.

Thereby, to allow this interactive process to start, I declare, in representation of the President of our University, Dr. Octavio Rivero Serrano, this Symposium open.

Thank you for your attention.

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