

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY AND SYMPOSIUM ADJOURNMENT

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Welcome to the closing session of the Prague 2003 Symposium! Dr. Mikhail Khankhasayev, Co-Director of the Student Scholarship Program, and I would like to thank all of those who have contributed so much time and energy to make this Student Scholarship program so successful and rewarding. Special thanks are due to Dr. Roy Herndon for initiating the program and the series of symposia of which it is a part and for keeping that series going even under adverse circumstances. Special thanks are also due to Dr. Albert Tien for assisting to have the Holcim Company involved in generously supporting this year's program. Without their efforts, there would neither have been a symposium, nor a student-oriented program this year.

The 140 entries that were submitted to the Student Poster Session were judged by an international jury of experts. The criteria used by the jury were as follows: Scientific and Technical Merit, Clarity of Material Presented, and Overall Visual Quality. First, Second and Third Place Awards (certificate and financial award) will be presented to the students whose posters were chosen by the jury. All students will receive a certificate of participation.

The organizers of the Student Scholarship Program realize that the work of maintaining and improving the quality of our global environment will take more than one generation to accomplish. It is their collective hope that this program will encourage you, the next generation of environmental scientists, to carry on this important work.

The organizers of the symposium series intend to continue this series in the future. As the plans for the next symposium develop, you will be contacted and invited to participate once again.

Now, as we close this year's symposium and as we are about to leave the beautiful city in which it was held, we all look forward to seeing each other again. Well then, Good Bye, Na Shledanou Na Videnou, Au Revoir - Auf Wiedersehn, Do Widzenia - Do Videnja, Viszont Latastra in another place, at another time in the not too distant future!