

Opening and Introducing Remarks

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Distinguished guests: I would like to express—also in the name of the other organizers—how welcome you are. Scientists from many countries will participate, and I am sure that you will find among them many colleagues and friends with common interests, with whom you will have the chance to exchange accomplishments and ideas to tackle some of the unsolved problems in leprosy.

I hope for you that you will have an opportunity of seeing the beautiful surroundings of Borstel, although sitting here all day long.

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Going over the program for this meeting, I can say that we have a great deal of work in store for you: Professor Freerksen and his coworkers have outlined enough to keep us busy for several weeks, but he—a tough task-master—will try to get the job done in two days. But, nevertheless, we think that we will be effective in this field.

Last but not least, I have the honour of passing on to you the greetings and wishes for a successful meeting from the Minister of Public Health of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mrs. Strobel, and from the President of the Curatorial Board of the Forschungsinstitut Borstel, Prime Minister Dr. H. Lemke. Thank you!