

## WELCOME FROM THE IPAC'15 CHAIR



On behalf of the IPAC'15 Organizing Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the sixth International Particle Accelerator Conference, IPAC'15, which is being held from May 3rd through May 8th at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The conference brings together scientists, engineers, students, and industrial representatives from around the world to share the latest developments and research in the fields of accelerator physics, technology, and engineering. The Scientific Program Committee has developed an exciting program with stimulating and diverse speakers, coming from over fifty institutions in nearly twenty countries, continuing the tradition of global inclusiveness that characterizes our field.

The conference begins on Sunday with a student poster session followed by the conference reception in the Exhibition area. Exhibitor booths and poster sessions are interspersed Monday through Wednesday, and all are invited to the Industry panel session on Wednesday afternoon, as well as the international Women in Science panel on Wednesday evening.

The Thursday afternoon session includes both awards and a special celebration of 50 years of particle accelerator conferences, bringing together luminaries from all of the major regional conference series (PAC, EPAC, and APAC), and closing with a special talk from Hitoshi Murayama, Director of the Kavli Institute in Tokyo, on the role of international scientific conferences and collaborations in development of world peace.

We are fortunate to have the city of Richmond host this year's IPAC. Richmond is located on the scenic fall line of the James River, with a rich US Revolutionary and Civil War history and a vibrant business center, home to six Fortune 500 Companies. The conference location is close to the landmark state capitol, several museums, and excellent restaurants. We hope that you will have the opportunity to experience first hand the southern hospitality for which Virginia is famous.

The conference is organized by Jefferson Lab, and sponsored by the IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society and the APS Division of Physics of Beams. On behalf of the IPAC'15 Organizing Committee, I welcome you to scenic and historic Richmond!

**Andrew Hutton**  
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