



Closing Ceremony
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Dear colleagues, Dear Chairman,

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to say a few words as a junior demographer.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the conference organizers – the International Organizing Committee of the IUSSP, the French National Organizing Committee (NOC), and supporting staff. Without their hard work, it would be impossible for us to have such an excellent and wonderful conference for exchanging and discussing our academic research, as well as enjoying beautiful French-history culture and food.

IUSSP International Conferences are an unique bridge and forum for demographers all over the world since the first meeting held in 1928 in Paris, not far away from here. Each conference, including this one in Tours, provides excellent opportunities for scholars, policy-makers and the public to share their research experience, exchange ideas, and pose new “hot points” for future studies. IUSSP Conferences play an important role promoting and guiding the development of international scientific studies of population.

As a junior demographer, we are facing more challenges. Even though the population-related issues that take place in developed or developing countries are different, the goals, however, are the same. That is to scientifically study the issues related to population, health and environment in the framework of sustainable development. This is our social responsibility as a scientist, especially for junior demographers. I, as well as all of young scientists, learned a lot from this conference and I am especially motivated for further hard work towards the wellbeing of populations in my own country and the entire world.

Thanks again to IOC, NOC and IUSSP secretary for such a successful conference. Let us meet again in 2009.