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Dear Dr. Feng and Conference Attendees:

On behalf of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington community, I am honored to welcome the hundreds of conference participants who are on campus from May 24-27, attending the Fourth International Conference on Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations. We are excited that UNCW is hosting such a distinguished collection of international mathematicians and scientists who meet biennially to exchange new ideas about their important work.

A free exchange of ideas and open discussion is central to the mission of higher education. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is honored to be your 2002 conference site. Although we are a young institution we have great respect for those individuals and organizations which foster communications and collaborations among established researchers, young scientists and graduate students.

I hope your attendees will use this opportunity to not only enjoy interactions with your professional colleagues but also hope you will have time to enjoy our campus and the Wilmington community.

With all best wishes,

James R. Leutze