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**Closing Speech**

Discours final

Schlussansprache

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New Delhi

The President of the IABSE, Prof. Von Gunten,  
Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr. T.N. Subba Rao,  
Chairman of the Technical Committee, Mr. J. Brozzetti,  
Secretary of the Organising Committee, Mr. S.P. Chakrabarti, and fellow delegates,

On last Sunday evening I welcomed you all to this Congress at the Inauguration Ceremony. Today, four days later, I stand before you to say a few words as we come to the closing moments of this 14th Congress of the IABSE. A host of activities had been compressed into these four days. Many subjects have been discussed; many lectures delivered, many new ideas exposed, much knowledge exchanged, many associations renewed and many friendships found. On looking back at these four days of intense activity, I feel a sense of satisfaction that we have, in large measure, achieved the goals which we had set ourselves. I have had an opportunity to talk to fair cross section of the delegate and it is very heartening for us to learn from them that the Congress has progressed smoothly, the things have generally been under control and that there have been very few causes of complaint. If at all there have been some shortcomings, I am sure you will be generous enough to forget them and remember only the warmth of welcome and the sincerity of our purpose. I take this occasion also to express my appreciation and thanks to the large number of people who have worked untiringly behind the scenes to make the organisation of this Congress a success. Their numbers are too large to be mentioned individually but I would like to mention the names of Mr. S.P. Chakrabarti, Secretary of the Organising Committee and Mr. Krishan Kant, Deputy Secretary of the Indian National Group for their commendable efforts. I would also like to thank the state Governments, various Institutions and Organisations and our friends from the profession all over the country who have contributed generously both financially and otherwise towards the organisation of this Congress. I close by wishing you all a safe journey back to your homes and with the fond hope that the happy memories of this Congress will remain with you for long time to come.

Thank you.

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