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Ladies and gentlemen.

may I welcome you on the grounds of the venerable Carolinum. the seat of the office of the Charles university Chancellor. Charles the Fourth. the Czech king. established this university 650 years ago in the year 1348. Certain symbolism can be observed in the fact that the oldest and largest library of the university - the library of the Charles college - was transferred in 1983 to the house of a wealthy Prague mint master Rotlev. His house was standing partially on the grounds of this aula. European university libraries of the Middle Ages. respectively the college libraries. represented then a new era in creating conditions for development of not only Czech, but also European education. After all the European universities of Middle Ages were truly international institutions.

I assume that your Sixth International Symposium on Information Sciences with a view toward management of knowledge and of communication systems. wants to create something similar. of course in terms of the end of 20th Century: to create conditions toward achievement of higher public and special education. Understandably by other means than the manuscript of Middle Ages. Furthermore creation of information communication hinterland not only in academic environment but in the whole organism of democratic states Worldwide. is at stake.

Conflict of two developing orders is the most outstanding feature of the end of the 20th Century, the order of the Earth, and the order of the human culture in the wide framework of all that was created by man what affected his environment. It is not the biosphere that is endangered by this conflict, it was here billions of years before man but by man created culture with all the time increasing antinatural elements.

You as moderators of information communication processes. collecting, processing. and disseminating recorded knowledge of past and present generations are able to moderate this conflict. For this task you have tools today of which your predecessors could not even dream about.

I wish you that here in these surroundings which remind us of the best traditions of European education. your meeting will contribute toward enlightenment and solution of actual global problems, in this case by taking advantage of achievements of the modern information science.

