

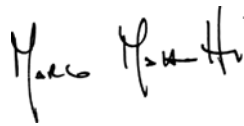
## Foreword

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and opportunities, as presented at FOA9. FOA10 is being organized by Minoru Miyahara and will be held in Kobe, Japan, in May 2010. We all look forward to it.



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