

## WELCOME FROM THE IPAC'15 SPC CHAIR



Our field is characterized by the extremely broad role of particle accelerators in the advancement of scientific understanding, industrial innovation, health and well-being. Achieving those advances demands a diverse array of technologies and approaches that requires interdisciplinary teams to achieve ambitious goals. The Scientific Program Committee, assisted by the Scientific Advisory Board, has assembled a program which showcases these major innovations and developments across the broad landscape of accelerators, their technologies and applications.

The scientific program consists of almost 100 oral presentations and 1400 posters from nearly 30 countries and 225 institutions, including national laboratories, companies, and academic institutions. The oral program highlights invited contributions in the morning sessions, and recent high-impact results in the contributed program in the afternoon sessions. I think you will agree that the Scientific Program Committee has done an excellent job identifying the most interesting developments in our field for oral presentation.

We look forward to your contribution to make this conference an occasion for productive and exciting exchanges of ideas — between colleagues, generations, institutions, and interdisciplinary domains. The poster sessions play an essential role in encouraging in-depth discussion and networking. The poster sessions are designed as stand-alone sessions to encourage your participation, and continued discussions on topics of interest into the evening hours. More than 100 of these posters will also be presented by students entering our field during the special student poster session on the afternoon of Sunday May 3. Great achievements by colleagues in our field will be recognized during the Thursday awards session.

Speaking for the Scientific Program Committee, it is my honor to warmly welcome you to IPAC'15 and to Richmond!

**Stuart Henderson**

*Chair, IPAC'15 Scientific Program Committee*