

## Preface

The Fourteenth International Workshop on Deep Inelastic Scattering and QCD (DIS2006) was held from April 20–24, 2006, at the International Congress Center EPOCHAL Tsukuba, in Tsukuba-city, Japan.

The annual DIS workshop was started in 1992 at Durham, in the same year that H1 and ZEUS began collecting data at HERA. Since then, the workshops have been held in Eilat, Paris, Rome, Chicago, Brussels, Zeuthen, Liverpool, Bologna, Cracow, St. Petersburg, Strbske Pleso and in Madison in 2005. The workshop in 2006 was the first time it was held in the Far East. About 240 experimental and theoretical physicists participated in the meeting, and many fruitful discussions ensued.

The main subject of the workshop has always been HERA physics. With time, however, more and more contributions have come from other experiments at Fermilab, SLAC, CERN, RHIC, Jefferson Lab and KEK, indicating the richness of the field of DIS. In the Tsukuba workshop, recent progress in the study of QCD from many approaches was vigorously discussed.

The HERA programme will finish in the summer of 2007, and the LHC at CERN will start in the near future. It was therefore timely that the workshop this year had a dedicated session to discuss the future directions for DIS physics.

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