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This is the twelfth meeting of the “new” ISO TC 142. I say “new” because we don’t know exactly how many plenary meetings were held before our TC was put in standby in 1976. Each one of those meetings has been memorable in its own way and this one is no exception. However, if I would attempt to remember all the memorable moments from each one of these – Milan (twice), Beijing, Philadelphia, Frankfurt, Shanghai, São Paulo, Zurich, Atlanta (twice), London and Kanazawa, you would get bored or risk missing your flight back home. Hence, I will not make any effort to describe my personal memories, which range from experiencing my first severe stomach problem in Philadelphia during the plenary meeting, after drinking an iced beverage, to the visit of the British parliament, just before the Brexit vote.

I will instead concentrate on something that has been common to all of our meetings. In fact we experienced fantastic hospitality everywhere we have been. Our hosts spared no energy to make our meetings as successful as they could possibly be.

The success of our meetings depends on many factors, the most important one is probably the willingness of delegates to give their time freely in the cause of international standardization for air cleaning technologies. However, together with the congratulations on what a nice job we did, I would like to acknowledge briefly all those other people who contribute to the success of our meetings:

- the staff of our hosts,
- the sponsors who helped us in making our meetings comfortable and productive;
- the staff of our own national standards bodies who ensure that our national mirror committees work smoothly and can access the documentation needed;
- our past and current working group convenors (sorry for bothering you from time to time) and project leaders;
- our committee secretary, Anna Martino (so patient in keeping into account my own suggestions);
- the ISO staff, represented by our current Technical Program Manager Anna Rossi and previously by Andy Williams.

All these people contributed to the success of our meetings and of the TC activity. Let’s thank all of them for their support.

Thanks to them we could provide our stakeholders with relevant, well written and high quality standards documents.

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and my time as chairman of this committee is one of them. As you already know, new ISO rules request that I step down immediately and make room for some fresh blood and ideas. I am sure that Riccardo will be able to keep the committee going and further develop its activity. Every departure is a bit sad but I am confident that I am leaving the committee in a good state, at least better than it was when I arrived - as of course then it was in standby!

I just want to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone, also those who are not with us today – with whom I have had the great pleasure to work to make the committee the success it surely is.