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FOREWORD FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR DR DAVID GRANT, CBE

Fred Hoyle will go down in history as one of the most remarkable men of science of the 20th century. He challenged our habitual ways of thinking on several important scientific issues and in the process contributed greatly to our understanding of the world around us. The programme for this meeting illustrates the creativity and versatility of this great man and the influence he had in many areas of astronomy.

Cardiff University was privileged to be closely associated with Fred Hoyle for over a quarter of a century. The association began in 1973 with the appointment of the theoretical astronomer Chandra Wickramasinghe to the Chair of Applied Mathematics, which marked the revival of astronomy as an academic discipline in this University (it was last taught in the 19th Century). In the subsequent years Sir Fred was closely involved, through consultations, in the appointment of several senior astronomers currently in post and thus contributed to the making of a highly successful astronomical research centre in Cardiff.

As an Honorary Professor, Fred Hoyle was a regular visitor to Cardiff for his collaborations with Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe and also to deliver a memorable series of public lectures.

I am pleased to welcome participants to the conference and I wish you all a very productive and enjoyable visit to the University and to the capital city of Wales.

