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## FOREWORD

Welcome to the Sixth International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC VI) in Idaho Falls, Idaho, USA. The National Cave and Karst Research Institute is pleased to host the first IWIC to meet outside of Europe, which will include speakers from over half a dozen countries in Europe, Asia, and North America. The conference setting in this mountainous region of the northwestern United States will provide conference participants with multiple opportunities to visit ice caves, including two trips to Craters of the Moon National Monument. This is also the first IWIC to examine ice in lava tube caves.

A number of different topics relating to cave ice will be addressed during this workshop, but a recurring theme will be the impact of global climate change on ice caves around the world. The last presentation on Monday evening will specifically address the need for increased international research in this area, and will be followed by an open discussion of efforts to acquire funding for future collaborative research.

We wish to thank the organizers of the conference, particularly co-chairs George Veni and Andreas Pflitsch, and our field trip leaders, Scott and April Earl and Andy Armstrong. I would also like to acknowledge the support and assistance of my co-editors and reviewers, Zoltan Kern, Stefano Turri, and Valter Maggi.

Thank you for your participation, and for your contributions to this year's proceedings; and please enjoy your visit to Idaho Falls.

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