Dear colleagues and members of the DPG Division of Magnetism,

As announced at the 2018 General Assembly of our division in Berlin, **Dr. Andy Thomas**, divisional Vice Chair, **will take over the role as Chair** for the time from 18 September 2018 until 5 April 2019 since I will be away on a research sabbatical. I thank him very much for his flexibility in this matter.

Furthermore, the next Spring Meeting of the Condensed Matter Section of the DPG will take place on 31 March - 5 April 2019, in Regensburg. We are now collecting proposals for **invited or topical talks** and **focus sessions**.

Please send suggestions to **Andy Thomas** (a.thomas@ifw-dresden.de) by **1 October 2018**, following the guidelines below. This will be followed by compilation of a list of all suggestions on which you will have the opportunity to vote afterwards.

- (1) **Invited/topical talks** ("Haupt-/Fachvorträge"): Suggestions should include information about the scientific topic and the proposed speaker according to the guidelines at: www.dpg-physik.de/dpg/gliederung/fv/ma/veranstaltungen/InstruktionenVorschlaege.html.
- 2) **Focus sessions** ("Fachverbandsinterne Symposien"): Suggestions should including a title, a description of the scientific topic and a list of (proposed) speakers (not more than five!) with their affiliations. Please follow the guidelines at: www.dpg-physik.de/dpg/gliederung/fv/ma/veranstaltungen/InstruktionenVorschlaege.html.
- 3) Dissertation Prize of the Condensed Matter Section ("SKM-Dissertationspreis"): Please note that the deadline for nominations for this prize is 15 October 2018. See the guidelines for the nomination at:

www.dpg-physik.de/preise/ausschreibung_disspreise_2019.pdf.

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

Manfred Fiebig Chair of the DPG Division of Magnetism