



## A word of thanks

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After some intense weeks we are issuing this time our *Book of Proceedings* during the event, which should be quite helpful for immediate scientific and personal communication. We hope the suggested “*Declaration of RIO 3*” will be approved and will encourage significant progress in the area of renewable energies.

Since we will not reach a 100% of renewable energy use here and worldwide very soon (note that almost 100% reliance has been achieved in Iceland already), we have to continue our efforts. This will be done in *RIO 4* (some will say *RIO 05*), which is due to take place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of February in 2005, one week after Carneval - information will be made available soon at [www.rio4.com](http://www.rio4.com).

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