

Words of Thanks

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Rector and Professor Weiss, I would like to thank the Board of Deans and the University Council for the privilege of joining such a distinguished group of honorary doctorates and for allowing me to be here today.

When I first visited your excellent university in 1992, the department of Knowledge Engineering had just been started. For 5 years, I was chairing an International Advisory Board for the Dutch government to find new ways to stimulate informatics and its applications at universities across the nation. I was very pleased to learn that last year once again, Maastricht University came in first place in the annual guide to Dutch universities for Knowledge Engineering, so that our advice to grow this important field here in Maastricht was very successful.

Dear Professor Weiss, thank you very much for the kind words and the film – you are a true giant in multiagent technologies. We have adapted and deployed your technologies of multiagent systems for example in real time production planning at a large steel plant in my own research center.

Special thanks go to my wife Doris and my family for their patience and support.

I feel truly honored today to receive this honorary doctorate at such a prestigious university.

Thank you very much indeed.