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I was an isolated postdoctoral student lost in an experimental lab, without any connection with a modern laboratory in the field of computational statistical mechanics, having no possibility to go abroad. I entered in relation with CECAM and my scientific life changed: all top level scientists in my field were reachable for some months each year, at car distance.

As an example of such possibilities let me just recall briefly my encounter with Giovanni Ciccotti. It was at one of the parties organized by Carl Moser. We were both looking for rare things: cheese, ham and the rarest of occurring event in a free seat. By chance I won the competition for the seat. After the liberation advertisement: "party is over", we decided to have a drink together and so started our collaboration.

Thanks will be given to CECAM and its director Carl Moser to offer us this extraordinary opportunity.

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