



Foreword

Dear Reader,

In your hands you hold a publication intended to guide you through latest developments in the world of cable technology.

The editors, who represent a broad scope of the industry, have combined their knowledge with many contributors to provide you with a comprehensive source of information on virtually every relevant aspect of cable insulation technology. It is their intention to provide you with a single-source overview of issues related to XLPE cables. With this book, the editors present you with experiences and information from the Americas, Asia and Europe. This coverage stresses the fact that all topics concerning electric cables have a worldwide relevance.

The editors will have achieved their task if you find new insights in your field of work and an increased interest in the exciting developments of electric cables and systems. They would feel honored if now and then you take this book from the shelf, consult it, and find answers to your questions.

I feel very privileged to have been asked to write the foreword of this book. With 40 years of cable experience, and as a former chairman of several national and international committees on cable technology, I can honestly say that, through close collaboration of many experts from all over the cable industry, they have certainly created an outstanding source of information.

Last, but not least, I want to express my gratitude to all involved in creating this book, and I want to wish all readers enjoyment and insight while reading it.

Sincerely,

Prof. Horst H. Blechschmidt / Darmstadt, Germany, May 2006