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Preface

Dear colleagues, welcome to the ESS'2003!

The ESS was established by the Society for Modeling and Simulation International (SCS), which, through SCS Europe, is responsible for the year-to-year organisation of the ESS conferences. The SCS - European Council has been providing excellent service to the simulation community for years and this symposium is one of its achievements.

The European Simulation Symposium (ESS'2003) takes place from 26 - 29 October 2003 hosted by Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands. This Symposium is the Fifteenth in a series of international conferences, the aim of which is to bring together scientists and simulation practitioners providing a forum for discussion on advanced and most recent developments in modelling and simulation research and practice.

The program of the ESS'03 consists of the Keynote and Invited talks, Tutorials, Workshops and of the following tracks:

- **Simulation Methodologies, Methods and Techniques**
- **Discrete Simulation Languages and Tools**
- **Simulation in Business, Economy, Finance and Commerce**
- **Simulation in Manufacturing, Production and Logistics**
- **Simulation in Electronics, Computers and Telecom**
- **Simulation in Logistics, Traffic and Transport**
- **Simulation in Military Applications**

ESS'03 will also have several interesting tutorials, among which:

- Simulation and Optimization with Enterprise Dynamics (ED) and Intelligent Optimizer (ISSOP). Prof. Th. Wiedemann and Prof. W. Krug, Germany
- The D-SOL Distributed Object-Oriented Simulation Framework. Alexander Verbraeck, Peter Jacobs, and Niels Lang, The Netherlands.

The success of the ESS'03 is a result of the effort of many colleagues. In particular, we would like to thank the members of the International Programme Committee, the Keynote Speaker, the Invited Speakers, the Tutorial Organisers and the Track Chairs who have given a generous contribution of their time and efforts. The ESS'2003 has attracted about 100 papers of consistently high quality and we would like to thank all the authors for their enthusiasm, responding to the reviewers' requests and meeting the deadlines.

The Conference takes place in beautiful historic town Delft, which is one of the best-preserved old Dutch cities. Delft is famous for its canals, historical buildings, and its New Church with the crypt of the Royal Family and the Mausoleum of Prince William I (the architect of the Dutch independence).

Besides the symposium itself, we hope that you will find some time to visit Delft's unique sites such as: The market square which is dominated by the Town Hall and the impressive New Church and the Royal Delftware Factory "De Porceleynse Fles", which provides the splendid permanent exhibition and offers hand painting demonstrations. We believe that you will enjoy Delft's charming little shops, galleries, restaurants and cosy outdoor cafes on the market square and along the canals.

We trust that the ESS'2003 will be remembered for its high-quality papers, interesting discussions between academics and practitioners, novel tutorials and pleasant atmosphere in Delft.

Finally, we wish you a very successful symposium and an enjoyable stay in Delft!

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