



# WETS'07

## INTRODUCTION by Aldo Bolza

### Workshop Chairman

### WETS'07 Opening Remarks

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When Lucien Deschamps invited me to chair the WETS '07 Workshop I was very happy to accept.

There were several reasons for this.

First and foremost, the subject chosen for the Workshop, i.e. the achievements and experience in service of long length HV and EHV AC insulated power cable systems.

This is a time when the use of HV and EHV insulated cable systems is becoming more widespread and, perhaps even more importantly, when serious consideration is being given to the adoption of such systems in a much greater variety of cases than in the past.

In other words, users are becoming, for very practical reasons, less “defensive” about insulated cables and are now more prepared to consider them as an enabling solution that can solve a variety of problems rather than as a “nuisance” to be employed when it is absolutely inevitable to do so.

Under these circumstances I am certain that today's exchange of information and experience is very timely and will indeed be highly useful.

Secondly, the Workshop participants constitute an excellent worldwide cross section of high calibre experts from users and suppliers alike, which is bound to give rise to a sound and balanced exchange of views.

Thirdly, we have two very competent Session Chairmen, namely Susumu Sakuma of Viscas, Japan and Juan Prieto Monterrubio of REE, Spain, ably aided by Session Rapporteurs Christian Aucourt of RTE, France and Christian Remy of Prysmian, France, which guarantees a smooth and effective handling of the discussions.

Last but not least, I have many good (I prefer not to say “old”!) friends amongst today's Workshop participants whom I don't get to see as often as I would like after the completion of my mandate as Chairman of CIGRE Study Committee B1 on Insulated Cables in 2002.

How could I pass on such an opportunity?

I therefore thank Lucien Deschamps for his invitation and wish all of you a very successful WETS '07 Workshop.

