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Foreword by the President

I am delighted to be able to introduce to you these proceedings from the Third EFEE World Conference on Blasting, as President of EFEE.

The whole concept of the European Federation of Explosives Engineers, when it was formed, was to bring together national ideas and innovations in order we may continue to develop safe and efficient use of explosives.

Explosives Engineering must be the most diverse of all professions. The many specialisms extend from quarrying and demolition to seismic research and special effects for films and television.

The EFEE World Conference includes papers on most of these topics, presented by experts in their field from all over the world, thus providing a very diverse expert opinion on many subjects.

The United Kingdom is very proud to be hosting this EFEE Conference and chose the historic Conference Centre town of Brighton in which to hold the event. Ever since Alfred Nobel teamed up with Charles Randolph and three other Scottish gentlemen to form the Glasgow Dynamite Company, which was built on a stretch of barren sandhills at Ardeer on the shore of the Firth of Clyde, Great Britain has been a leader in innovative blast design for quarrying, tunnelling, open cast mining, and the like, and latterly in explosives demolition. Even the United Kingdom Legislative process was in its day very advanced as the 1875 Explosives Act has remained intact until only very recently, when it was replaced by new Legislation.

These proceedings include papers not only on actual explosives usage and development, but also on the numerous accessories, as well as explosives-related professions concerned with environmental impact (vibration and air blast) as well as safety and security.

There is something for everybody at Brighton!

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