

## Preface

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From October 23 to 25 2002, the annual meeting of the Europe Chapter was held in Dortmund, Germany. This book is published on the occasion of that meeting and contains contributions based on presentations that were given. On the cover of the book one of the characteristic landmarks of the Ruhr area is depicted, the former mine Zeche Zollern II/IV. On the premises of the mine the conference dinner was held.

The first contribution in this book is on the question 'If VR (Virtual Reality) has changed .....then have its human factors?' by keynote speaker and VR expert John Wilson. During the conference contributions were clustered around the themes 'VR applications', 'VR Methodology', 'High Risk Environments', and 'miscellaneous', this division is more or less followed in this book.

You may wonder who "S.M. Sommer" is, who has the honour to appear on the cover and in the footnote on the first page of all papers. Well, in June 2003 Sascha Breker got married and now uses the last name of his wife Heike. Perhaps he changed his name also because the initials are easy to remember...

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