

Preface

The fifth edition of the Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics' Europe Chapter contains the papers presented at the 1996 Annual Scientific Meeting. The Annual Meeting in 1996 was hosted by the Traffic Research Centre of the University of Groningen on November 7 and 8 in Haren, the Netherlands. It is the first lustrum edition since the Europe Chapter's Executive Council decided to have the contributions to the Annual Scientific Meeting published in order to encourage attendance and quality of the meetings.

The theme of this specific meeting was *Simulators and Traffic Psychology*, a combined topic of great interest to the Human Factors and Ergonomics community and of increasing importance. The Proceedings start with the written version of the opening address by Alexander (Lex) Wertheim titled "Working in a moving environment", inspired by a well-known (nuisance) phenomenon in the field of the theme, simulator sickness. Several simulator and related studies follow, of various content and origin, to end the Proceedings with a written version of the invited paper titled "A vision for the future of Human Factors" by Patrick (Pat) Jordan, an everlasting timely topic for the Human Factors and Ergonomics community.

We owe the University of Groningen for enabling us to organise the meeting and publish these Proceedings.

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