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Foreword by the Chairman of the Technical Committee

As Chairman of the EFEE Technical Committee I am delighted to introduce to you the proceedings of the 9th EFEE World Conference on Explosives and Blasting held in Stockholm, Sweden.

Together with my colleagues from the Technical Committee, Robert Farnfield, Jörg Rennert, Finn Ouchterlony and Jerry Wallace, we have selected the 40 contributions you find in these proceedings. We had many abstracts to evaluate and we have been very much impressed by the high quality of the papers submitted and I would like to thank all the authors for their time and effort to submit the technical papers presented in the proceedings.

The papers in these proceedings cover many important subjects like EU-directives, HSE, Management, Blasting Work Experiences, New Applications and Training, Vibration and Seismology, Flyrock and Blast Damage to mention a few that influences our industry. This makes the EFEE World Conference on Explosives and Blasting so important and valuable, namely to bring together manufacturers, shotfirers, explosives engineers, managers and researchers from the blasting industry to discuss new developments in our business.

As the papers published in this proceeding of the 9th EFEE World Conference on Explosives and Blasting show, the conference has fulfilled its mandate admirably and the material will be a good platform for additional challenging blasting engineering developments and experiences that we can share in future EFEE conferences. I encourage all of you to take the time to document your coming experiences and share the findings with all of us by sending in abstracts to the coming EFEE conferences.

EFEE and the Swedish Rock Engineering Association are very proud of arranging this event in 2017 and I trust that you will enjoy the conference in Stockholm as well as the Gala Dinner in Vinterviken where Alfred Nobel started his explosives production and worldwide imperium back in 1865.

Roger Holmberg
EFEE Technical Committee Chairman
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