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It is true that Electricity is a pillar for our present Civilization and Culture. One should also recognize that Electricity is the finest useable form of Energy and therefore the most precious. Deregulation of Electricity Markets aims ultimately to make almost everyone responsible for the way electricity is generated, distributed and used. It aims to let fair market rules result in a Market Operation that will advance this sense of responsibility for everybody. This is particularly important in view of the present delicate state of the Environment which should for Humanity’s sake be preserved, at all costs. And indeed, we are lucky in the sense that the current Information Technologies and Information and Communication Technology will allow us to live up to our responsibilities concerning rational electricity usage as well as the preservation of the environment. However, a strong, wide and lasting commitment is necessary, i.e. political will by every nation, to achieve progress with respect of the environment.

The annual International Workshop on Deregulated Electricity Market issues in South-Eastern Europe focuses on critical present-day problems such as Regulation issues, TSO issues, DSO issues, Security of Supply, Economics–Management, Environmental issues, Law and Codes, Market Integration, Dispersed Generation and Renewables issues, and Deregulation in Island Systems. It usually brings people from around ten Countries disseminating experience from a wide area and technology spectrum. It brings together people from Academia and Industry both having vital roles in the solution of large-scale problems.

DEMSEE 2007 in Istanbul comes at an opportune time at the completion of the High Voltage OHL between Nea Santa and Babaeski, bridging the transmission grids of Greece and Turkey at the 400 kV-level, which is expected to go into full operation beginning 2008. It may, therefore, carry a symbolism, too, that the European Grid is strengthening its own interconnections pointing to the way-to-go for the future.

Istanbul is a City with wonderful natural and historical surroundings, a city not onlyinterconnecting Asia and Europe but also Eastern and Western Cultures. Therefore, DEMSEE’07 is a wonderful event and opportunity to visit Istanbul and spend sometime for all participants.

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