

### **Editorial Note**

The first concept of this journal was presented almost one year ago, at the end of a steering committee meeting of the European cluster project *IREC* in Kassel (Germany). There were more issues to discuss than time to provide solutions. But I remember quite well that when the Journal project was presented in our small European research family for DER at that time, all participants immediately recognised that it was a “great idea”.

It took some months to organise the first publication and to select the place and date for its kick-off. It was decided that it would be held in Brussels at the *First International Conference on the Integration of Renewable Energy Sources and Distributed Energy Resources* – which is a clear indication of the international spirit of this Journal.

Today, with this first issue in my hands – and I expect it to be the first of a long series over the coming years – I realise that it was not only *one* great idea, but *two* great ideas: first because the exchange of information at any level is critical for progress and development in this research area, which has already expanded world-wide in terms of importance and technology; and secondly, because it is essential to find a successful means to allow the sharing of technical knowledge of high quality, not only at national level, but throughout the whole of Europe and across the globe.

I would like to congratulate the Editors for tackling these two goals through this Journal, which I am sure the reader will also appreciate through its pages.



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