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Demetrios Tziouvaras was born in Monahiti, Grevena, Greece. He holds a M. Sc. in Electrical Engineering from Santa Clara University, CA, USA. He worked for 8 years with Pacific Gas and Electric Co and joined the R&D Engineering Department of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. in 1998. Mr. Tziouvaras is a senior IEEE member and member of the PSR Committee. He is a member of CIGRE and the convenor of CIGRE SC B5.15 on "Modern Distance Protection Functions and Applications." He has taught many seminars and is the author of more than 35 conference papers, and three patents. He served as chairman of an IEEE PSRC working group that developed an IEEE PES tutorial on "EMTP Applications to Power System Protection". When he has free time on weekends he likes to cook some of his favorite Greek dishes, take care of the Tziouvara's ranch near San Francisco, CA, go camping and ride his two beautiful horses with his wife Diana. Mr. Tziouvaras is married and has a daughter and a son named Panagiota and Athanasios respectively.



Marco C. Janssen

Marco C. Janssen graduated the Polytechnic in Arnhem, The Netherlands and further developed his professional skills through programs and training courses. He is President and Chief Commercial Officer of UTInnovation LLC – a company that provides consulting and training services in the areas of protection, control, substation automation and data acquisition, and support on the new international standard IEC 61850, advanced metering and power quality. He is a member of WG 10, 17, 18, and 19 of IEC TC57, the IEEE-PES and the UCA International Users Group. Marco coaches his son's football team and enjoys watching science fiction movies as well as traveling, good food and wine.



Ivan De Mesmaeker

Ivan De Mesmaeker received M.Sc. Engineering Degree from the University of Brussels in 1968. He joined BBC (later ABB) in Baden, Switzerland in 1969. He was Project leader of the first steady-state distance protection of BBC and of the first numerical line protection, as well as test set equipment. He is currently Senior Technical Manager for Protection and Control Systems. He was member of CIGRE Working Group 34-04 (1980-1986) and Swiss delegate in SC34 of CIGRE (till August 2000). He received the CIGRE Technical Committee Award in January 2001 and has been Chairman of Study Committee B5 of CIGRE since 2002. He has authored and co-authored several professional papers. When not working, he enjoys skiing, hiking, camping and editing of video films about holidays.



Wolfgang Wimmer

Wolfgang Wimmer works for ABB Switzerland in Baden. He is Principle Engineer in the development of substation automation systems. He has a M. Sc. degree as well as a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Hamburg. After some years developing Computer networks at the German Electron Synchrotron DESY in Hamburg he changed to ABB for development of train control systems, later Network Control Systems. He has more than 20 years experience with development of substation automation systems. He is a member of IEC TC57 WG 19 and WG 10, and editor of IEC 61850-6. Wolfgang likes walking in the mountains as well as at rivers, reading popular books about biology, especially neuroscience, as well as science fiction and fantasy books. He also enjoys listening to country music.

