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(CIGRE Activities)

He started in CIGRE in 1985 as the Dutch representative in Study Committee 23 (now B3) "Substations". He has been chairman of the Dutch CIGRE National Committee on Substations for over 10 years. He has successfully convened the then semi-permanent Working Group on Substations Secondary Equipment for over 10 years, and stimulated younger engineers to assume leadership of task forces on specific subjects. During these years he published with co-authors a number of papers on digital control systems and substation renovation from a utility perspective.

He made contributions to plenary sessions and acted as special reporter, chairman of CIGRE's National Committee "Substations", member of symposium and colloquium organising committees, member of the Strategic Advisory Group, and convener of the Tutorial Advisory Group of this Study Committee.

He wrote a book on rural electrification and has been energy adviser for the Dutch Government during two decades. After the reorganisation of CIGRE 's technical activities in 2005 he was invited to also join the new Study Committee C6 on Distribution and Dispersed Generation as an expert member to address the electrification of rural and remote areas. There he has been secretary or member of specific working groups, member of panels and keynote speaker, and chairman of the International Advisory Group on Rural Electrification. Together with other experts he prepared reports and papers for plenary sessions, and CIGRE and IEEE magazines. A recent contribution to *Electra* is an Invited Paper on the Global Electrification Challenge, written with three other experts. In 2013 he delivered the keynote presentation for the Super Session "Electricity Supply to Rural and Remote Communities" during the General Meeting of the IEEE/PES.

He is senior member of the Institution of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET).

For his work in CIGRE he received in 1996 the Technical Committee Award and the Distinguished Membership, and from Study Committee Substations the Distinguished Service Award.