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# EDITORS' FOREWORD

**John Howkins and Joseph N. Pelton**

*Satellites International* represents an ambitious undertaking. It is an attempt to compile within a single reference source the world's most complete, most authoritative and most systematic treatment of satellites. This volume covers not only communications satellites, but all types of applications satellites from all over the world. The best way to achieve this objective was obvious. We had to go to the world's leading experts, wherever they were – in Europe, in Japan, in Canada, in the United States and around the world – and then to persuade them to collaborate on this ambitious effort. Surprisingly, they all agreed.

The list of contributors is long and impressive. It includes

Richard Butler, Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union; Dean Burch, Director General of Intelsat; Albert 'Bud' Wheelon, President of the Hughes Aircraft Company Space and Communications Group; Oliver Robinson, Executive Director of the International Press Telecommunications Council, and many, many more.

Another challenge in the preparation of *Satellites International* was to have two editors an ocean apart and contributors from several continents. Nevertheless, by using express mail and especially satellite telephone calls, telexes and facsimile, this project was not only started but also finished in a little over one year.

## **SECTION I**