## **FOREWORD**

2009 is the centenary of the formation of the Illuminating Engineering Society, the progenitor of the Society of Light and Lighting. This handbook has been written to celebrate this anniversary and to fill a gap in the Society's publications. The Society of Light and Lighting's major publications are:

- The SLL *Code for lighting*, which offers recommendations on lighting for a wide range of applications
- The SLL Lighting Guides, which provide detailed guidance on specific lighting applications

The SLL *Lighting Handbook* has been written to forge a link between them. It is designed to be complementary to the SLL *Code for lighting* but to go beyond it in terms of applications and background information without getting into the fine detail of the Lighting Guides.

The SLL *Lighting Handbook* is intended to be the first-stop for anyone seeking information on lighting. It is aimed not just at lighting practitioners but also at lighting specifiers and students of lighting. For all three groups, we have tried to make it comprehensive, up-to-date and easily understandable. The contents summarise the fundamentals of light and vision, the technology of lighting and guidance on a wide range of applications, both interior and exterior.

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