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PREFACE

In 2013 the European Information and Research Network on Parliamentary History (EuParl.net) organized the international conference ‘The Ideal Parliament: Perception, Interpretation and Memory of Parliaments and Parliamentarism in Europe’. The conference took place in The Hague, 30 May–1 June 2013. Experts from different parts of Europe presented their views on the ideal of parliament in the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century. Most of these presentations are included in this volume, in an adapted form, and completed with an introduction on the central theme, and some concluding observations.

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