

Introduction

Welcome to the 42nd Computing in Cardiology Proceedings. This was the second time, after Lyon 2005, that the Computing in Cardiology community meet in France, a country with a long tradition of engineering applied to cardiology. The Board of Directors was delighted when Olivier Meste and his colleagues from University of Nice Sophia Antipolis volunteered to host this year's meeting. They prepared an excellent meeting and social program, and a very high number of abstracts were submitted.

This is the first time that I am writing this introduction as CinC President. I would like to reaffirm my commitment to do my best for guiding the steps of our organization in the coming years. Research by itself is extraordinarily dynamic and the conference reflected this fact, as well as promoting and supporting efforts to adapt and synergize the constant evolution of the field. We, as members of the Board of Directors, are committed to this vision and goal, and for that we encourage and remain open to initiatives, or any other input, from you the Computing in Cardiology community.

We introduced a theme to promote and support better connection between the clinical and engineering aspects involved at Computing in Cardiology. Specifically, we commissioned two talks to provide a platform for clinical experts to air their views on the engineering challenges for the future in cardiology. These talks were entitled "*Engineering issues in clinical electrocardiography*" and "*Technological challenges of computing in cardiology in AF management*". We hope you attended these talks and joined in helping to build this important link.

Looking to the future, we encourage any who might be considering hosting a Computing in Cardiology conference to contact us. Advanced planning is definitely encouraged. We should stress that we welcome all potential hosts and particularly encourage interest from regions/countries that have not yet hosted a Computing in Cardiology conference.

Here I want to make special mention of Board members during the past years. Firstly, Peter Macfarlane is to be thanked and acknowledged for his eminent work as President of Computing in Cardiology during the term 2008-2014. Many thanks, Peter. In addition I must mention Pim Dassen and Harold Ostrow who departed from the Board in 2014. Pim was responsible for organizing the YIA competition and Harold has served both as President and Past President. Many thanks to Pim and Harold. I am also grateful to all the other members of the Board of Directors for their work and commitment; they will continue for a three-year term.

I hope you had a scientifically stimulating meeting that will enable you to continue your work, raise new ideas and projects, and which will inspire you to submit an abstract for presentation at next year's meeting in Vancouver, Canada, 11th-14th September 2016. Lastly, let me take this opportunity to thank Olivier Meste and all of the local organizing committee for the work they have done. This conference was a great success.

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