

Dear Member,

You are receiving this e-mail because you have submitted an abstract to Computers in Cardiology (CinC) or participated in a CinC meeting within the last few years.

NEW BOARD

You may know that the Board of the organisation changes every 3 years following elections and at the very end of the 2008 meeting in Bologna, a new Board took office. It was not really until September 2009 that the Board had a chance to have a full-day meeting to discuss the running of the organisation. It is my pleasure, as the current President of the Board of CinC, to be able to write to you to update you with one or two recent developments arising from that meeting.

NEW NAME

The Board decided that a change of name from Computers in Cardiology was merited given that “computers” are everywhere these days. The Board therefore decided to change the working name of the organisation to Computing in Cardiology. This small change was felt to reflect a broader application of mathematical, electronic and indeed, clinical techniques in the advancement of the practice of cardiology. The new name still allows the use of the acronym CinC.

NEW WEBSITE

The website www.cinc.org has recently been redesigned at the request of the Board. Bill Sanders, our Director of Information Systems, has conscientiously developed and maintained the previous website since its inception. CinC owe him a huge vote of thanks for his unfailing attention to the website and its many other related matters through the years. He is still the CinC Director of Information Systems and has been very supportive of George Moody developing the new website, which is now open for your use. George has received a lot of feedback from others on the Board during the development of the website and we are all very grateful to him for the work he has done in a short time to produce the new site. For those of you who are interested, the original website is still available at www.cinc.org/computers-in-cardiology.html .

There are other topics that will be added to the site such as a historical section and this is being addressed by George with the help of Bill and Gary Sanders. If you wish to contribute any material particularly from the early CinC meetings, please contact [George Moody](#). If you feel that there is a topic that is missing, please do not hesitate to contact [me](#) or George and let us have your ideas. The addresses of all Board members can be found on the new website.

NEW CONFERENCE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Those of you who attended the CinC meeting in Park City recently (which was absolutely first class thanks to the unstinting efforts of Sheri and Matt Prucka) will have used a new registration system which Sheri and Matt also worked hard to install. It is likely this will continue to be used for next year’s meeting in Belfast. The Board is currently considering other aspects of developing the conference package but no decisions have been made.

NEW REDUCED REGISTRATION FEE CATEGORY

Please look at the website carefully and in particular the section on Participating in

CinC. You will find that the Board has introduced a reduced registration fee for individuals who meet the criteria for entry into the Young Investigators Award and who prepare a paper in advance of the YIA abstract deadline but who do not wish to enter the competition for whatever reason, such as preferring a poster presentation. Younger individuals should start now to think about an abstract/paper for next years meeting so that it is ready by the abstract/paper deadline. They also need to convince a senior co-author to participate in the meeting!

ENDOWMENT FUND

You may be interested to know that the Board has established an endowment fund from which it is hoped that prizes for competitions can be funded in the years to come. It is also hoped that this fund will attract some commercial or private donations as well as continuing contributions from Board income. If you think that you can steer some donations towards CinC, please contact our Treasurer, [Victor Mor-Avi](#).

ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

The annual proceedings continue to form a very important part of CinC. As can be seen on the website, arrangements are in place to enable you to access proceedings free of charge back to 2001 and as far back as 1988 using IEEE Xplore, which does however require a subscription. Further details are available on the new website. Many thanks to Alan Murray and his team who do a sterling job of organising the CinC publications.

PHYSIONET/CinC CHALLENGE

The details of the PhysioNet/CinC Challenge for 2010 are now on the new website, so those of you who enjoy participating in this event can start to think ahead. Significant prize monies are available for 2010.

ROSANNA DEGANI YIA COMPETITION

Younger participants should now be looking towards submitting a paper for consideration for the Rosanna Degani Young Investigator Award. Remember that every eligible entry attracts a 50% reduction in registration fees.

PARTICIPATION IN CINC

I hope you will enjoy using the new website but most of all, continue to support Computing in Cardiology through your attendance at the annual meeting. For those of you who require a visa to attend, can I please urge you to make preparations in good time as, in recent years, there have been delays and disappointments in obtaining visas where required. If you need a visa to enter the host country, I would urge you to apply well before notification of acceptance of your abstract. If you need a letter from CinC supporting your visa application, please do not hesitate to contact me or our secretary [Leif Sornmo](#), who will be pleased to assist.

FUTURE MEETINGS

I would like to advise you of forthcoming conferences. These are:

2010 Belfast, UK, 26-29th September

2011 Hangzhou, China, 18-21st September

2012 Krakow, Poland, September (Dates to be determined.)

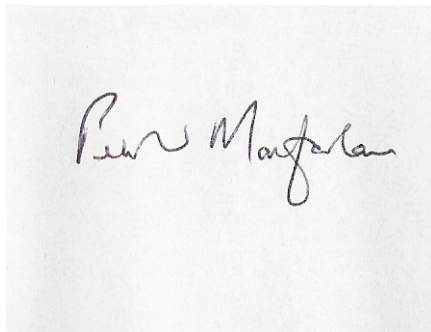
Please take a look at the website for next year's meeting as it is packed full of information. The developers have offered to make the package available in the form of a template for future organisers! You will see that in 2011 CinC will take place outside of Europe and North America for the first time. The Board is keen to ensure that the annual CinC meeting does not take place in the same continent two years in succession and welcomed the opportunity to hold the meeting in China. However, that is well into the future and for now the Board is concentrating on next years meeting in Belfast. Please mark 26th-29th September, 2010 in your diary now!

BOARD MATTERS

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Board for the very significant support which each has offered to me over my first year as President. It may not be clear from the above but every member has been involved in some aspect of the organisation of CinC and although Nico Bruining, Pim Dassen, Paul Kligfield, Pablo Laguna and Harold Ostrow have not been mentioned until now, they too have contributed much to CinC as many of you will know. Please feel free to contact any member of the Board with any ideas for the enhancement of the organisation of CinC. As emphasised already, the contact addresses of all Board members can be found on the website www.cinc.org.

I will keep you informed of any further developments as they occur.

Yours sincerely

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Peter W. Macfarlane".

Peter W. Macfarlane
President of the Board of CinC