

IN MEMORY OF HARRY HAYMAN (1917-2008)



Computers in Cardiology owes much gratitude to Harry Hayman, who set the wheels in motion for the creation of what eventually became known as the Computers in Cardiology Conference Series. Harry served the Computer Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc., in various capacities for 26 years, where he was a positive force who contributed greatly to many professional conferences, including CinC.

Harry joined the Computer Society in 1972 as their Executive Secretary, and he served in that role until 1985. He continued to manage many conferences for the Computer Society, until his full retirement in 1998. At the beginning of his tenure as Computer Society Executive Secretary, our paths crossed as we traveled to a Commerce Department-sponsored Computer Society Program in Tokyo. Harry suggested that the NIH and the Computer Society collaborate on a computers-in-medicine conference. After many follow-up discussions and persistence, acceptance and funding of this concept was ultimately secured from Arnold “Scotty” Pratt, M.D., then Director of the Division of Computer Research and Technology, NIH.

The first Computers in Cardiology Conference was eventually held in Bethesda, Maryland, in October 1974. Harry, along with his wife Edith, worked diligently to manage the publicity, registration, finances, and printing of the proceedings for the CinC Conference Series, especially during the early years, before the non-profit Computers in Cardiology Corporation was fully functioning on its own. Harry remained on the scene to assist the CinC Organization as needed through the mid-1990s.

Harry Hayman died on March 17, 2008, at the age of 91, in Boca Raton, Florida. He realized that this conference brings together some of the best minds in the areas of cardiology, engineering, and computer science in order to develop modern technologies that will help us better understand and eventually eradicate cardiovascular disease in its many forms. Harry had the satisfaction of knowing that the single conference he had envisioned grew to become a very successful conference series.

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