

Introduction

Welcome to the 41st Computing in Cardiology Conference Proceedings. This was the third time that the conference had been held in Cambridge, MA and it was a pleasure to return to the vicinity of the world famous MIT, whose staff have organized previous meetings as well as this conference!

This year, there were a record number of abstracts submitted for a Computing in Cardiology meeting outside of Europe, and it is encouraging that the organization goes from strength to strength. There was an exciting social program, which involved a dinner cruise around the Boston harbour area. The usual activist and passivist program was arranged, and a Critical Data Marathon had been organized as a pre-conference meeting, which was not a part of the Computing in Cardiology conference, but allied with it.

At the end of the conference, Sheri Prucka and Pim Dassen left the Board. I thank them for 9 years of hard work serving Computing in Cardiology, Sheri through directing our IT related work, such as abstract submission, registration, program compilation and producing our abstract book, and Pim for organizing the Young Investigator's Award for several years. In addition, Harold Ostrow stepped down from the role of Past President. Harold has been involved with Computers and then Computing in Cardiology essentially from its inception. He has been on the Board more than once and has faithfully assisted CinC through thick and thin! He deserves special mention for such a long, dedicated period of service to the organization, for which he is offered our sincere thanks.

Once again, I have to offer sincere thanks to the Editor, Alan Murray and his Assistant, Cathie D'Amico, as well as all others on the editorial team, for the huge amount of work which they have done in editing the papers.

This year also marks my final year as President of the Board. The last six years have been challenging at times but there have been changes which need not all be listed here. They included a subtle change of the name of the organization, a new website, a more sound financial footing, the first CinC conference to be organized in China and most recently, a more open method of soliciting nominations for Board membership. I would like to thank all the other members of the Board who have been a great support to me over the past six years and wish my successor, Pablo Laguna, every good wish for the continued success of CinC.

Next year the meeting will return to Europe and will be held in Nice from September 6th to 9th, 2015. I do hope that after you went home from this meeting you started to think about what research you would like to present in Nice and that you will submit an abstract by mid-April 2015.

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