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# **Message from the President of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society**

These national and international conferences are the highlight of our activities as a technical and professional society of the IEEE. This is our third conference year, and we hope it will contribute to the emergence of engineers in health care delivery. As the organizers and sponsor of this conference, we have made every possible effort to have it serve as a focal point for the latest developments involving technology in health care. Our technical committees, publication editors, and administrative committee members (AdCom) have planned for the past year to bring together the relevant research efforts, the clinical developments, and the industrial applications. Key people have been invited to organize the sessions and workshops. Many invited papers have been included to ensure the proper balance in the sessions. Tutorials and workshops have been included as part of the regular conference program. The full conference papers are published in these Conference Proceedings, and the abstracts of each paper were published in the August issue of our EMBS Transactions.

It is a gratifying moment to see our EMBS Society meet and work together at our own annual conference. May I welcome you to our conference, and I hope that your interaction with the other participants will lead to a more effective communication for our Society.

I would like to express my gratitude to those who have labored to bring this program together; and, in particular, to Bernard Cohen, Ph.D. for being the program chairman for the EMBS conference and Robin Lake, Ph.D. for being the program chairman for the CompMed conference.

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