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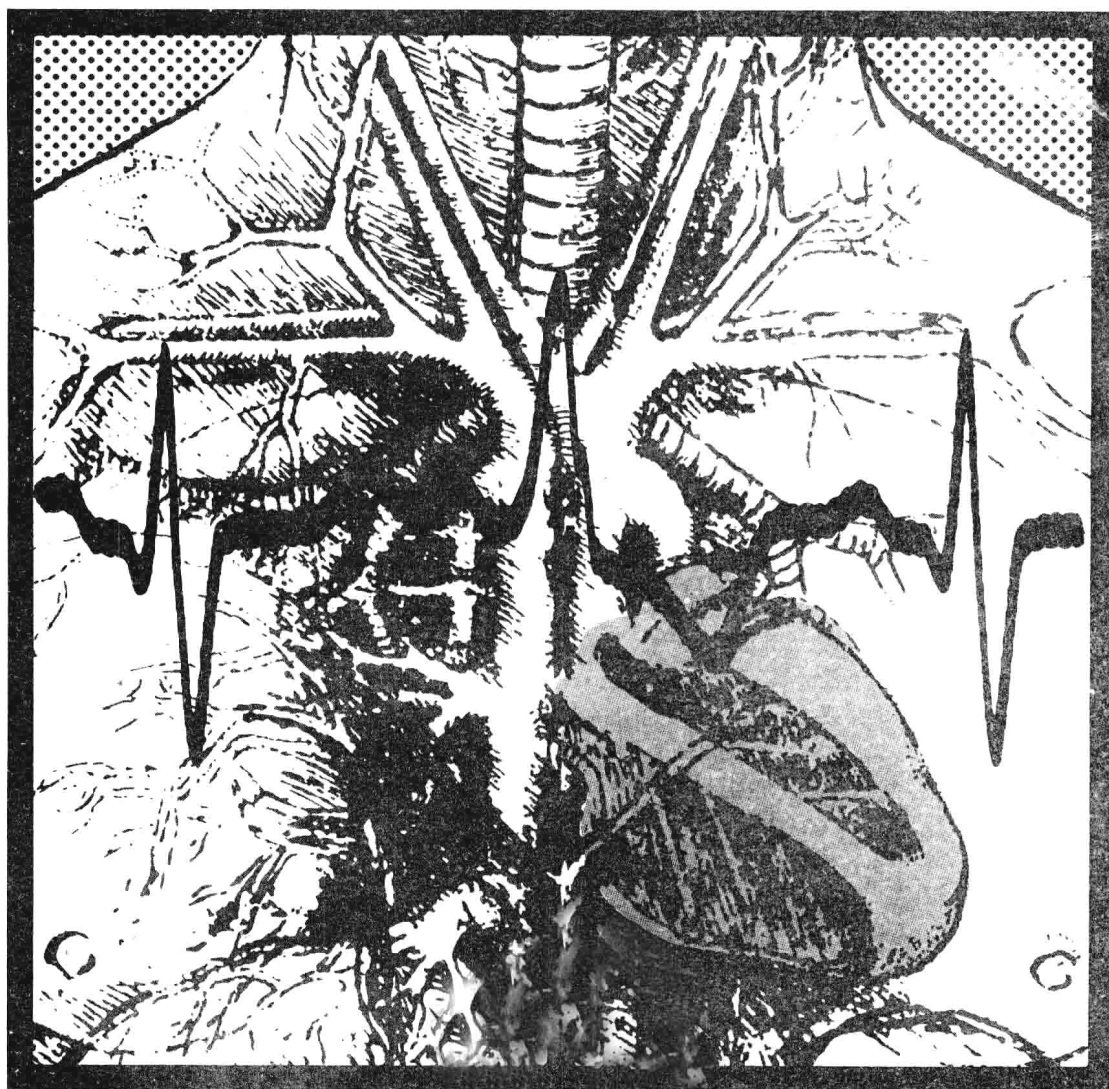
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INTRODUCTION

The tenth meeting of Computers in Cardiology takes place this year in Aachen, one of the oldest German cities. Of historical repute — Charlemagne had his residence here for almost 20 years and is buried in the famous cathedral — this city now also boasts of one of the most modern University Hospitals in Germany and one of the leading technical schools. This is a wonderful backdrop for our second lustrum, the tenth meeting of Computers in Cardiology!

The conference is preceded by a day of by now well accepted and much appreciated tutorials. These provide the opportunity to learn about new developments in a relatively limited field in close contact with a leading expert. It also serves for those who wish to enter into a new field and the emphasis is on personal exchange of opinions.

The first plenary session on Wednesday shows that, although the topics that have been themes in Computers in Cardiology in the past ten years have gradually changed, there is also a healthy rotation of attention. This is the reason why the opening session this year is devoted to echocardiography. In the remaining two days the main themes are wall motion and arrhythmia analysis.

The conference continues to provide a forum available *equally* to physicians, engineers and computer scientists for the timely exchange of scientific information on design and application of computer know-how to the field of cardiology.

The goal of Computers in Cardiology for sharing research results seems to continue to be well served by the present meeting format. The technical program this year is again a clear testimony to the steady increase in quality of the work done in our field. The question posed last year, whether there is a role for Computers in Cardiology to play in the training of young cardiologists, has been answered in part: the American College of Cardiology has accepted a joint effort with CIC led by Dr. Cox's team for such a course in Bethesda.

There is little doubt that a similar effort on personal computing should follow in Europe now. As computers touch an increasing number of facets of cardiology, the technical information needed to utilize these tools effectively must be taught in a more systematic manner than is the case today. The role that some of our membership can play in moving toward this goal may be a substantial one.

We all wish you a good and refreshing stay in Aachen, where history seems to have come full cycle:

Think of what Charlemagne could have done with an Apple!

Jerome R. Cox, Sc. D.,
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