From the Editor

Two events dominate the current issue of the Newsletter. First, we have all just come back from another hugely successful COMPUMAG and we are delighted to see their tremendous efforts in making us all feel at home in the beautiful Evian. I also like to mention our appreciation of the work of the Editorial Board with Giorgio Molinari as its Chairman. It will probably not be an exaggeration to say that COMPUMAG now has the most efficient and fair reviewing procedures of all the major conferences. I hope the small selection of photographs on the next page will bring back pleasant memories.

Secondly, it is the election time again. We have a very impressive set of candidates from each region and I would be very grateful if those of you who are eligible to vote and have received the ballot paper could please return their vote to me as soon as possible. The results of the voting will be announced in the November issue of the Newsletter.

We have a very interesting article in this issue and many thanks to the authors who contributed. We also continue presentation of research groups around the world with a report from our colleagues in Leuven.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very pleasant and relaxing summer.

Jan Sykulski

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COMPUMAG’Evian 2001

The 13th Compumag Conference was held in Evian (France) from July 2nd to July 5th. More than 400 participants coming from 34 countries attended the oral, poster and panel sessions scheduled in the final program. The conference was open by Mr Jean Dorey, head of Ecole Centrale de Lyon and all the participants enjoyed a reception by the mayor of Evian.

All these participants made this Compumag Evian conference a very successful one. First of all 651 contributions were submitted and after a very strict selection by the editorial board, according to a new review procedure, 425 papers have been selected for presentations. This number of submitted contributions appears as a new record and shows the large interest for the topics covered by Compumag. The rate of accepted papers (65%) was a guarantee for the high scientific level of the Conference.

A specific effort has been made to encourage the participation of PhD students in the Conference: reduced registration fees, cheap hotel rates. More than 70 of them actively participated in the Compumag, contributing to a very dynamic atmosphere of the poster sessions.

A very fine weather accompanied the attendees in that magic town of Evian. Despite the attraction of the lake and of the swimming pool, the afternoon sessions were very busy. The classical official dinner followed a very appreciated cruise on the Leman Lake. During the dinner we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Compumag conference series associating a moving laudatory ceremony for Bill Trowbridge. I hope that all participants keep a pleasant memory of Compumag Evian.

Alain Nicolas
Chairman of Compumag Evian

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