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From the Editor

My main message today is to send strong words of encouragement to members of the Society to consider putting a bid to organise COMPUMAG conference in 2009. It may seem a long way ahead, but an event of that size and prestige requires careful planning, plenty of time and long notice to select an appropriate venue, think about editorial activities, put together a social programme, prepare promotional literature, design web pages, etc. Those who have done it will no doubt testify how satisfying and rewarding it was to have organised a successful conference and there are plenty of good examples to follow. The formal invitation to bid and detailed rules for making an application are provided in this issue, but if you think they are in any way confusing please let me know and I will be very pleased to guide you through the process. The main points to remember are that by the end of March the intention to bid should be communicated to me (a simple e-mail will do) and the full proposal must be submitted by the end of May 2005. You will then be invited to make a presentation to the ICS Board during COMPUMAG Shenyang at the end of June and hopefully the final decision would be made before the end of the conference so that an announcement could be made to all participants at the closing session.

There is some very pleasing news from the organisers of COMPUMAG 2005. A large number of papers have been submitted and they have now been sent out to reviewers for their comments and assessment. There will be an ICS Board meeting in Shenyang on 11 April 2005, so that decisions about paper acceptance will be circulated immediately after that meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all in Shenyang.

Jan Sykulski

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Invitation to bid for COMPUMAG 2009

In accordance with Article VII of the International Compumag Society Bye-Laws and agreed procedures contained in the Guidelines (both documents are shown below), it is my pleasure to invite interested individuals and groups to bid to organize the COMPUMAG conference in 2009. The first step would be to communicate to the Secretary (by e-mail or letter) the **intention to submit**; such intention should be formulated by the **end of March 2005**. This should be followed by a **full submission** by the **end of May 2005**.

With COMPUMAG 2005 taking place in China, and 2007 event going to Aachen, Germany, the preferred location for the 2009 meeting would be North or South America. May I therefore particularly encourage colleagues in countries from that region to consider making a bid, although applications from other countries will also be welcome. The candidates will be invited to make presentations at the International Compumag Society Board meeting during COMPUMAG Shenyang and a decision will be made before the end of the conference or soon after.

The Secretary

ARTICLE VII of the Bye-Laws - THE ORGANISATION OF THE COMPUMAG CONFERENCE

The Compumag conference shall take place every two years in odd numbered years. It is the intention that the conference will rotate around the three main regions defined by Article III of the Constitution. No region should hold the conference on two successive occasions.

Bids will be invited in March four years in advance of the conference for which the bid is being made. An invitation to bid will be published in the Newsletter and on the Website. Bids shall be submitted to the Secretary one month before the meeting of the ICS Board at the conference taking place in the year in which the bids are invited. Prior to the submission of the bid, prepared in accordance with the guidelines, an intention to submit should be communicated to the Secretary about three months before the Board meeting.

The bid shall be made by an individual on behalf of a research group active in an area of interest to the Compumag Community. The chairman of the conference must be a member of the Society. The venue will be suggested by the applicants and will not necessarily be their home city. Applicants will be invited to make a presentation of their bid at the meeting of the Board at the conference taking place in the year in which the bids are invited. The bids and presentations shall follow the process defined in separate guidelines which will be published in the Newsletter and on the Website.

The final decision about the award of the organisation of the Compumag conference will be made, if possible, at the meeting of the Board and announced to the community at the earliest opportunity following the meeting.

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