

# Introduction

Dear CinC 2022 Participant,

Will we ever really be 'post-pandemic'? We were sure 2021 would be the last time for such uncertainty but, instead, we have to accept that uncertainty is the new normal. However, we should be deeply proud that through the pandemic CinC has run every year, with a hybrid format rather than going completely virtual. This year, we continue to emerge and to come together with almost 90% of all presentations in-person. In that light, let me welcome you all to a very in-person CinC 2022!

Our hosts in Tampere have assembled an outstanding program that will be diverse, contemporary, and hopefully more usefully provocative than the recent social-media flurry over Finland's remarkable Prime Minister, Sanna Marin, and her ability to relax and celebrate. I think we all share her need to balance the serious business of our careers with a little time to relax and be with friends. And it is just this balance that we hope to achieve at CinC—a chance to focus and learn about the latest in computing and its application to cardiology but also to relax together and form and renew friendships that are so important to our lives, both personal and professional.

This year, you can expect all the regular elements of CinC, starting with the Sunday Symposium that will leverage and inform us about the unique blend of academia and industry in Finland. Monday's events are always unique and invaluable to set the social stage, and this year's Special Sessions will open our minds to new directions in our field, presented by the experts in those fields.

Preparing a conference is always a huge but rewarding job and it has been a big pleasure for me to work together with the Tampere Local Organizing Committee. Jari Hyttinen, head of BioMediTech unit at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology, Tampere University has directed a very committed and capable team to create the conference we are all here to enjoy. And, as always, please extend your thanks—and your suggestions and feedback—to the members of the [CinC Board of Directors](#), who perform endless hours of volunteer effort for our society.

More than ever before, I look forward to seeing you in Tampere!

Rob MacLeod, President, Computing in Cardiology

Dear CinCers and CinCeresses (try saying it out loud),

On behalf of the local organizing committee, we warmly invite you to attend Computing in Cardiology 2022 to be held on September 4-7, 2022, in Tampere, Finland. It will be the very first time the conference will be hosted in Finland and the third time in Northern Europe, after Linköping 1985 and Lund 1997.

The city of Tampere is dynamic, international, and easily accessible. It is in the Pirkanmaa region, in the western part of Finland, only 180 km from the Finnish capital Helsinki. The city hosts Tampere University (TAU), the new University born in 2019 by the merger of the old Tampere University of Technology and the University of Tampere. Together with the Tampere University of Applied Sciences (TAMK), TAU represents the most international university community in Finland, having more than 30,000 students every year.

The Tampere location is quite evocative. Founded in 1775 by King Gustav III of Sweden between the two lakes Näsijärvi and Pyhäjärvi, Tampere has in its core the Tammerkoski rapids linking the lakes and used as the source of energy for one of the first industrial plants in the country, the Finlayson textile factory, established in 1820. In 1882 the first electric light was lit in Finlayson, making Tampere the fifth city in the world to have electric light. Almost 140 years later, it is now the central hub for ICT – and HealthTech – in Finland.

The Sunday Symposium program highlights our research at Tampere University and tackles in many ways the theme of personalized medicine in cardiovascular research with round table participants also from industry. The conference venue is at Tampere city center, Tampere Hall (Tampere-talo), the largest congress center in the Nordic countries.

The organizing committee has been working hard to organize an exciting and enjoyable meeting, and we are very happy to welcome you all to one of the most exciting cities in Finland and CinC2022!

Best wishes,

Ivo Provazník and our LOC team