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Preface

Proceedings of a congress serve the purpose to provide the reader with the latest knowledge in the specific field. They present at least for a limited time period a reference book that allows rapid access to the latest information for the medical profession and for an ongoing of future research.

This volume is addressed not only to the participants of the VIIth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing but to everybody involved in diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac stimulation.

The experience has shown that proceedings of conferences of comparable size are usually published with a considerable time delay limiting its value as a source of prime information. The editors of this volume decided therefore, that their most important task was to guarantee the actuality of the publication.

Even if it seems desirable to include as many presentations of a conference as possible, the large number of excellent presentations at the VIIth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing, 337 oral presentations and 236 posters, could not be published within an acceptable time period. The experience from previous conferences has shown that a book which includes all the papers can only be edited with a large delay, which reduces the value and actuality of the information.

The editors of such a book have to accept the responsibility for its quality and therefore it is their task to restyle or rewrite some of the papers. The selection of the oral presentations and posters for the scientific program of the VIIth World Symposium on Cardiac Pacing was performed by a review system which judged the quality of the papers in accordance to their originality, the methodology and their clinical as well as their scientific merits.

For publication we decided to select the 150 highest scored presentations and 29 contributions of the invited speakers. 148 authors have submitted their papers for publication. From these papers 95 contributions were accepted for publication without major changes. 13 papers were revised by the editors themselves, 28 papers were returned to the authors for rewriting and 12 papers had to be rejected.

The editors are confident that this revised form of editing a proceeding volume in comparison to previous conferences will be accepted by the readers and will be used for what it is ment for: as an information about the latest developments in diagnostic and therapeutic stimulation and as a reference book for scientists who are active in these fields.

We are proud to note that between the congress and the appearance of the book on the bookshelves it took not more than five months.

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