OCTOBER 1978


- 19th Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science, October 16-18, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Contact Prof. William C. Rounds, Computer Science Department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

- Design Automation Workshop, October 18-20, East Lansing, Michigan. Interested in participating should contact Jeffrey R. Foster, Room 3B-307, Whippney Rd., Whippney, NY 07981; (201) 386-6537.

- Workshop on Data Base Design, October 24-25, New Orleans, Louisiana. Contact Sakti P. Ghosh, IBM-K55/282, 5600 Cottle Road, San Jose, CA 95193.


- Seventh Texas Conference on Computing Systems, October 30-November 1, Houston, Texas. Contact Dr. J. C. Huang, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77004.

DECEMBER 1978

- Computer Elements Technical Committee Eighth Annual December Workshop, December 3-4, Mesa, Arizona. Contact W. Rosenbluth, IBM Corp., Zone 5, 18100 Frederick Pike, Gaithersburg, MD 20760.


- 1978 Computer Networking Symposium, December 13, Galtir, Maryland. Contact Dr. George Cowan, Computer Sciences Corp., 6656 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22046.

- Workshop on Software Testing and Test Documentation, December 18-20, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Contact H. Hecht, 1040 South La Jolla Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

NOVEMBER 1978

- Third West Coast Computer Faire, November 3-5, Los Angeles, California. Contact Jim Warren, Box 1579, Palo Alto, CA 94302; (415) 851-7664.

- Second Annual Symposium on Computer Applications in Medical Care, November 5-8, Arlington, Virginia. Contact Dr. F. Helmut Orthner, Dept. of Clinical Engineering, School of Medicine and Health Sciences, The George Washington University, 2300 K St., N.W., Washington, DC 20037.


- Fourth International Joint Conference on Pattern Recognition, November 7-10, Kyoto, Japan. Contact Program Chairman Makoto Nagaio, Department of Electrical Engineering, Kyoto University, Saky, Kyoto, 606 Japan.


- MICRO-11, November 19-21, Asilomar, California. Contact Dr. Stanley Habib, 257 S. Adelaide Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904; (201) 545-2066.

1979 CONFERENCES

- Workshop on Information Systems Curricula, February 22-23, Claremont, California. Contact David Rine, Western Illinois University, Dept. of Quantitative and Information Science, Macomb, IL 61455.

- COMPCON '79 Spring, February 26-March 1, San Francisco, California. Contact COMPCON '79 Spring, PO Box 639, Silver Spring, MD 20901; (301) 439-7007.

- 11th Annual Southeastern Symposium on System Theory, March 12-13, Clemson, South Carolina. Contact John Bennett, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29631.

- 12th Annual Simulation Symposium, March 14-16, Tampa, Florida. Contact Dr. Joe Clema, Simulation Technology, 4124 Linden Ave., Dayton, OH 45432.

- Specifications of Reliable Software, April 3-5, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Contact Douglas T. Ross, SofTech, Inc., 460 Totten Pond Rd., Waltham, MA 02154; (617) 890-6900.

- Workshop on Computer Analysis of Time-Varying Imagery, April 5-6, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Contact Dr. N. I. Badler, Computer and Information Science, Moore School of EE/D2, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104; (215) 243-5862.


- Electronic Components Conference (IEEE et al.), May 14-16, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Contact W. A. Porter, EE Dept., Texas A & M University, College Station, TX 77843.


Computers in Radiology and Biomedical Pattern Recognition, June 18-20, Newport Beach, California. Contact Dr. J. Sklansky, University of California, Irvine, School of Engineering, Irvine, CA 92717.

Computer-Aided Analysis of Radiological Images, June 20-21, Newport Beach, California. Contact Prof. J. Sklansky, University of California, Irvine, School of Engineering, Irvine, CA 92717.


Design Automation Conference, June 25-27, San Diego, California. Contact Harry Hayman, PO Box 639, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

First National Conference on Computers in Education, June 25-27, Iowa City, Iowa. Contact David Rine, Dept. of Quantitative and Information Science, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455; (309) 298-1315.

1979 Summer Computer Simulation Conference, July 16-18, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Contact Dr. A. J. Schiewe, SCSC '79, c/o The Aerospace Corp., PO Box 92957, Los Angeles, CA 90009.


SIGGRAPH '79, August 8-10, Chicago, Illinois. Contact Tom DeFanti, Dept. of Information Engineering, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Box 4348, Chicago, IL 60680.

COMPCON 79 Fall, September 4-7, Washington, DC. Contact COMPCON 79 Fall, PO Box 639, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

Fourth International Conference on Software Engineering, September 17-19, Munich, Germany. Contact Dr. L. Stucki, Boeing Computer Services, PO Box 24346, Seattle, WA 98124.

Fifth International Conference on Very Large Data Bases, October 3-5, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Contact Prof. Howard Morgan, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19174.

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B78-26 Computers in the Navy—Jan Prokop, ed. (Annapolis, Maryland: Naval Institute Press, 1976, 243 pp.)

Computers in the Navy is a collection of 15 diverse articles by various authors who unfortunately failed to agree on their target audience. The book attempts to cover the entire spectrum of computer usage from procurement, evaluation, and management of both hardware and software to the specifics of various applications. Consequently, it is difficult to imagine any one person being interested in the entire book or even a large portion of it. This is especially true in light of the superficial, exclusively non-technical coverage given each of the topics. It should also be mentioned that, excepting three articles specifically discussing Navy procedures for procurement and data processing management, the topics are not unique to the Navy. All have counterparts in the other military services and, generally, in many civilian areas.

While one would expect a certain brevity in the articles of a book such as this, many of the articles present a maddening combination of superficiality and trivial detail. Do we need to know, for instance, that 1961 Bureau of the Budget Circular A-54 established certain policies for the selection and requisition of data processing equipment? Who, other than a very junior trainee bureaucrat, would care to know that Circular A-54 was interpreted by DOD Directives 5100.40 and 4105.55? On the side of the superficial, we have an eight-page article entitled “Evaluating Compilers” (with page labels reading “Evaluating Computers”). It spends a page and a half defining “compiler,” a page discussing the specification of language syntax and semantics, a page giving the history of Cobol standardization, a page motivating compiler validation, and (finally!) three and a half largely anecdotal pages discussing Cobol compiler