Message from the Organizing Chair

Welcome to Västerås and to the 24th EUROMICRO Conference in Sweden!

In the last week of August Mälardalen University will host the EUROMICRO 1998 Conference. Västerås is Sweden’s sixth largest city (124,000 inhabitants). The city is situated in the valley of lake Mälaren, some 100 km west of Stockholm. Life in Västerås is to a large extent focused on the lake. The percentage of boatowners is one of the highest in Sweden. The lake is also used for swimming and providing the inhabitants with drinking water. Many of the sights, such as castles and leisure areas, are also located near the lake.

For more than 100 years, industry in Västerås has been dominated by ASEA, or ABB, as it is now called. ABB is still the largest industrial company in Västerås with about 12,000 employees. In total there are more than 3,000 companies in Västerås. The most rapidly growing sectors today are trade and technology.

Things are going well for Mälardalen University with continuing annual expansion. Mälardalen University is one of the country’s largest centers for the training of engineers. Mälardalen University is a twin university, located in Eskilstuna and Västerås. Around 11,000 students study at the university. The University offer approximately 40 educational programs and over 350 individual courses to choose from.

In contrast to several other universities, Mälardalen University is located near the center of the town. The proximity of libraries, shops, restaurants, international airport (just 5 km from the city) and the railway station makes it simple and convenient to visit Västerås.

Preparing the Conference was an interesting task for me. I had the opportunity to meet many Euromicro Program chairmen and other Euromicro Directors.

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I hope that the Conference will be a professional success for all of us! I look forward to meeting old and new friends in Sweden in August 1998.

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