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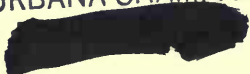
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## Introduction

These proceedings are unusual in that they consist of papers contributed to a conference that did not take place. The Association of College & Research Libraries, which was later than usual in announcing its own conference, coincidentally scheduled its meeting on the dates we had chosen for the 1989 Clinic. Although quite a few people registered, there were not enough to make the Clinic financially viable, and the event was cancelled.

Nevertheless, because of the encouragement we received from numerous individuals, the hard work of the authors, and the importance of the topic, we decided to publish the contributed papers as though the Clinic had actually taken place. Serials catalogers should rejoice!

The sequence of the papers is the same as that planned for the original presentations, which were arranged by size of computer: mainframes first, then minicomputers, and finally microcomputers. Although mentioned in passing, supercomputers were not included in the planning for this particular conference.

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