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In October 1996 it was already clear that PCs were appearing in varying degrees in accelerator control systems at most laboratories. So we decided at DESY to test the acceptance of PCs in general by organizing a workshop dedicated to PCs and Particle Accelerator Control. To our delight, the first PCaPAC was well attended by numerous institutes throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. The enthusiastic response and comments by all participants led to the 2nd International PCaPAC workshop being held here at KEK, where participation has exceeded that of the 1st workshop.