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T_EX BITS & BYTES: A Conference Newsletter

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This is a brief newsletter on past, present, and future T_EX Conference happenings by T_EX User Groups Worldwide.

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2001 August 12–16: Newark, Delaware USA

TUG 2001 POST CONFERENCE BULLETIN ONLINE

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The TUG 2001 Post-Conference Bulletin and Online Preprints for the 22nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the TeX Users Group at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE, USA on August 12–16, 2001, are available on the TUG website at: <http://www.tug.org/tug2001/bulletin/>

Two special T_EX Lion Awards were made, to Hàn Thé Thành in recognition for his most valuable contribution of pdfT_EX to the community, and a Lifetime Achievement Award to Anita Schwartz, University of Delaware, for 15 years of volunteer service to TUG.

April 29–May 3: EuroBachoT_EX, Poland

T_EX AND BEYOND

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The 13th European and 10th Polish T_EX Conference, EuroBachoT_EX 2002 was held on April 29–May 3, 2002 at Bachotek (Brodnicza Lake District), Poland.

The theme of the conference was “ $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ and Beyond”. Bachotek is situated in a very beautiful part of Poland and having all the participants stay at the same resort added a special feeling of camaraderie during the gatherings around the campfire to sing songs and to network with colleagues.

2002 September 4–7: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India

TUG 2002: STAND UP AND BE PROUD OF $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$

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As we write this, more than 70 participants from 11 countries have gathered in Trivandrum to “Stand Up and be Proud of $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ ” at TUG 2002. The 23rd Annual Meeting and Conference of the TeX Users Group is taking place now at the TechnoPark Conference Center, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. This conference was organized by the Indian TeX Users Group, spearheaded by C. V. Radhakrishnan of Focal Image (India) Pvt. Ltd., Trivandrum, and was co-sponsored by very generous donations from the Department of Information Technology, Government of Kerala, and TechnoPark Karyavattom, Trivandrum, India.

The opening took place at 9 A. M. on Wednesday September 4. Participants getting off the conference bus were startled and delighted to be greeted by a ceremonial elephant and his mahout and the roar of Indian drums and trumpets. Newspaper reports of this TUG event, appeared in the Business Express section of the local Kerala newspaper, The New Indian Express and in the national paper, The Hindu. Copies of the report will be posted at: <http://www.tug.org.in/tug2002/>

Foreign participants are staying at the Hotel Samudra, Kovalam Beach. The reception and banquet were held here in the garden outdoors under the milky way, beneath swaying coconut palms, and to background music of the breaking ocean waves on the beach. Local entertainment was provided by martial artists, beautiful young Indian dancers from the Shri Chitra Home (for orphans), and an Indian Bamboo flautist, V.C. George. The hospitality and friendliness of the Indian people made everyone feel welcome and participants were treated to a feast of Indian spicy dishes every day.

Interesting papers were presented on current developments in the $\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ world, including ConTeXt, Fonts, MathML, Metapost, XML, and the status of typesetting in Middle Eastern and Asian languages.

June 24–27: EuroTeX 2003

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In 2003, the EuroTeX will be organized in Brest (Brittany, France), by ENST de Bretagne. The theme of this conference covers the electronic document, digital typography, typographical heritage and its survival in the computer era, new technologies applied to education, book production process, fonts, document internationalization and exchange, etc.

Talks will be held in English or any other European language. The proceedings of the conference will be published in the TUGboat journal, before the fall of 2003.

2003 July 20–24: Waikoloa, Big Island, Hawaii USA

TUG 2003: SILVER ANNIVERSARY — 25 YEARS! — of T_EX.

Outrigger Waikoloa Beach Resort, Big Island, Hawaii

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A grand reunion of T_EX users worldwide is planned for the 24th Annual Meeting and Conference of the T_EX Users Group in 2003 for the Silver Anniversary — 25 YEARS! — of TeX.

Professor Hermann Zapf and cartoon artist, Duane Bibby, will be just two of what we hope will be a long list of renowned guests and long-time friends of T_EX, who will help us celebrate this wonderful event.

We would like to make this a big gathering of the people who have played a role in providing you with tools, development, and support for T_EX, which is the best free software available for beautiful typesetting and typography.

All users of TeX (since its birth) are invited to participate as speaker, attendee, volunteer, sponsor, or donor to help make this conference a success.

What You Can Do to Help!

You can contribute in several ways to the success of TUG 2003:

1. Come to the meeting and invite all your TeX friends to come along too. Register with the very early-lions *before the end of the year 2002* and no

later than April 9, 2003, to benefit from special conference and accommodation rates.

2. Make a donation, (however large or small) as a token of appreciation for having TeX available to you as free software, and let your colleagues and your bosses know about this meeting so that they too can contribute towards the event, and to the future development of the T_EX family of programs. T_EX is very much alive and doing well both as a front-end for authors, and a back-end as a tool in the automated processes that provide easy conversion to XML, PDF, HTML.
3. Publishers, vendors, and other commercial users, developers, and distributors of products that use, or are prepared in, T_EX (Plain, $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}$ -T_EX, $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}$ -L^AT_EX, L^AT_EX, pdfT_EX, METAFONT, METAPOST, ConT_EXt, etc.) can sponsor or co-sponsor events (coffee breaks, lunches, reception, banquet) and most of all towards renowned plenary speakers and TUG 2003 as a whole.
4. The T_EX Heritage Committee, chaired by Sebastian Rahtz, will be organizing projects and happenings for the Silver Anniversary of T_EX. One of these will be to publish a special volume of reflections by key developers and users of T_EX. The book will be (temporarily) entitled:
“T_EX Retrospective: milestones and byways on the road to beautiful typography”
More information will be published on the website at: <http://www.tug.org/tug2003/heritage/>

Note: Generous donors and sponsors (\$500.00 or more) will receive a complimentary copy of the silver anniversary volume.

So start planning now to join us in Hawaii in body and/or in spirit for TUG 2003 on July 20–24, 2003. Don’t forget to bring along your snorkel . . .

Aloha!

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