From the President

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Conferences

TUG 2010 (`http://tug.org/tug2010`) takes place at the end of June. We are especially excited about this year's conference, as the 2^5 anniversary of TeX78. Donald Knuth and most of his Stanford colleagues from the early days of TeX development have indicated they will attend, and we have planned several events in their honor. Its proceedings will be the second *TUGboat* issue for 2010.

EuroTeX 2010 (`http://www.guit.sssup.it/eurotex2010`) will take place in Pisa, Italy; that proceedings will account for (at least) most of the third issue.

Another upcoming conference is the fourth ConTeXt user meeting, this year in Brejlov (Prague), Czech Republic, from September 13–18, 2010 (`http://meeting.contextgarden.net/2010`).

Looking ahead to 2011, the TUG meeting will be held in Cairo, Egypt, from November 28 through December 1. Hossam Fahmy, long-time TUG supporter and *TUGboat* contributor, is the chief organizer. `http://tug.org/tug2011` will be updated as planning proceeds.

`http://tug.org/meetings` has information on most TeX meetings, past, present, and future.

Interviews

In keeping with the anniversary celebration, Dave Walden, coordinator of the Interview Corner (`http://tug.org/interviews`), has interviewed several of the early Stanford participants: Luis Trabb Pardo, Howard Trickey, John Hobby, and Michael Plass, as well as Tom Rokicki and David Fuchs earlier, with others in progress. Other interviewees since my last column are Ulrike Fischer, Idris Hamid, and Joseph Wright.

TeX Collection 2010

We have hopes that the software release for 2010 will be finished rather earlier than the past few years. By the time this issue reaches mailboxes, online updates of TeX Live 2009 will have been frozen so that we can finalize the changes for 2010.

Although nothing is certain, we expect some of the most notable changes in TeX Live to be (not an exhaustive list):

- Automatic conversion of EPS graphics to PDF when running under pdfTeX.

- pdfTeX will output PDF version 1.5 by default, enabling better-compressed PDF output.
- Inclusion of the Japanese TeX suite, pTeX.
- Oren Patashnik has released the first new version of BibTeX in many years, with one small bug fix to avoid breaking `.bbl` output lines anywhere except at whitespace.

We expect the 2010 collection to contain the same major items as in the past few years: TeX Live, MacTeX, proTeXt, and a CTAN snapshot. See `http://tug.org/texcollection` for more.

We welcome anyone's participation, from testing the final candidate release to core development. And thanks to all the many, many, people involved already at every level.

TeX journals

Careful readers of *TUGboat* will have noticed that the list of active TeX journals is growing. *TUGboat* reprints abstracts, in English translation where necessary, from all TeX journals. Some notable events in the journal world:

- The UK-TUG journal *Baskerville* was revived in 2009, with new editor Jonathan Webley, and is available both online and in print.
- The longstanding GUTenberg journal *Cahiers*, with new editor Thierry Bouche, is once again very active, having caught up on all back issues.
- The Korean TeX Society started publication of *The Asian Journal of TeX* in 2007, with articles in several languages.
- As this issue of *TUGboat* went to press, *The PracTeX Journal* published a new issue, numbered 2008-4, with a collection of selected articles since its founding in 2005.

Some journals make all articles available online immediately, such as *Eutypon* (Greek TeX Friends), *Baskerville*, *The Asian Journal of TeX*, and *The PracTeX Journal*. Other journals, such as *Cahiers*, *MAPS* (NTG), *Die TeXnische Komödie* (DANTE e.V.), *Zpravodaj* (CSTUG), and *TUGboat* itself, all have approximately the same policy, of making articles available to user group members and subscribers for a year before posting them publicly.

For links and other information about all extant TeX journals, see `http://tug.org/pubs.html`. And let us know if we missed one.

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