

General Delivery

From the President

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T_EX Collection 2007

This issue of *TUGboat* should reach members' mailboxes at about the same time as the T_EX Collection 2007 software on DVD and CD. The 2007 software consists of the same major components as the last release. For those who may not be familiar with it, here is a rundown of what's on the DVD:

- T_EX Live, a cross-platform distribution including precompiled binaries for many systems;
- MacT_EX, which adds a native MacOSX installer, the TeXShop front end, and other features to the base T_EX Live;
- proT_EXt, based on the MiK_TE_X Windows distribution with a guided installation;
- a snapshot of the CTAN archive.

A compressed variant of T_EX Live, named *inst*, will be shipped on CD. This reduced version includes the same set of packages, but has precompiled binaries for only three systems: `i386-linux`, `powerpc-darwin`, and `win32`. It is provided for those who cannot read a DVD.

Since the software is being released in early 2007 rather than 2006, we will be sending it to both 2006 and 2007 members of TUG (except for those who explicitly opted not to receive it).

For more information and project web pages, please see <http://tug.org/texcollection>.

As we reach the end of another release cycle, I'd like to reiterate that the T_EX Collection is a massive effort, done entirely by volunteers. We are grateful to the hundreds of people involved, from all parts of the T_EX world: the contributors uploading new packages to CTAN, the CTAN maintainers for providing a central repository to draw from, the people building the binaries on a wide variety of platforms, those helping test the results, the developers maintaining and enhancing the software upon which it all rests, and the user group members keeping the infrastructure provided by TUG and all the T_EX user groups viable through their support. Thanks to all.

2007 T_EX conferences

2007 will see two major T_EX conferences. First, a combined EuroT_EX and BachoT_EX in Bachotek, Poland, from April 28 to May 2. The call for papers deadline will have passed by the time this is

published, but please see the web site for registration and information: <http://www.gust.org.pl/conferences/EuroBachoTeX2007>.

Second, TUG 2007 in San Diego, California, from July 17–20. The deadline for presentation proposals is April 23. The conference theme is *Practicing T_EX*, and I'd like to especially invite "ordinary" users and authors to attend and/or speak. The mix of attendees and presentations at the Practical T_EX conferences in recent years has been gratifying and, I believe, fruitful for all, and I hope that that will continue at this annual TUG meeting.

I am very happy that Peter Wilson of his own Herries Press has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker at TUG 2007. Over the many years of his involvement with T_EX, Peter has created the major memoir package, the archaic and bookhands font collections, the Glistering column for *TUGboat*, and much more. He talks about his background and interests in his interview at <http://tug.org/interviews>.

For registration and accommodation information (inexpensive on-campus housing is available), the call for papers, and more, please visit the conference web site at <http://tug.org/tug2007>. I hope to see you in sunny San Diego.