

TUG '99 Post-Conference Bulletin

Frontpage: Highlights of the Meeting

The meeting place was the architecturally stunning **First Nations Longhouse Building** of the campus of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver where ninety-five T_EX enthusiasts gathered together for TUG '99, the 20th annual meeting and conference of the T_EX Users Group, August 15–19, 1999.

There were many interesting talks on new developments and techniques for untangling the web of communications in the T_EX world; lively panel discussions, vendor presentations, and lots of networking and swapping of T_EX ideas amongst the participants themselves.

We were treated to a unique and beautiful **Metafont Apocalypse Poster Exhibition** on the creative use of METAFONT and T_EX through the kind courtesy of **Allan Grimm**, professor of Graphic Design in Mainz, Germany.

There was a **Special Recognition Award** to a well-known but rarely seen T_EX guru, Donald Arseneau, for his outstanding contribution of macro packages to the T_EX community.

At the Closing Banquet, it was decided that there ought to be a prize for best paper. A poll of several non-disinterested (!) people was taken by Christina Thiele (proceedings editor and hence the one who had had to read all the papers at least once!) and after six people, the choice was still a tie! So, in recognition—by their peers—of exceptional presentation and content, **Jean-luc Doumont** and **D. P. (Don) Story** were the joint winners of Best Paper. Their prizes? A wee bottle of Russian vodka, courtesy of **Irina Makhovaya**, of Mir Publishers (Moscow).

Barbara Beeton has been on TUG's board since it was first begun in 1979, and was called the TUG Steering Committee. Her role at that time: 'Wizard of Format Modules'. Since that time, many roles, many committees, and one unchanging resolve: that TeX and its users be well served and well represented. In recognition of her long-standing contributions to TUG's board—and her endurance!—the TUG President, Mimi Jett, presented Barbara with a bottle of Russian vodka (vodka bottles seemed to flow like water at this meeting!).

Led and cajoled by the pied-poet of Oxford, **Sebastian Rahtz**, the group headed towards the Rose Garden overlooking the Pacific, for an impromptu session of delightful **Poetry Reading** at sunset on Wednesday evening.

This year, the **TUG99-web Preprints** version of the talks is available in pdfL^AT_EX thanks to the diligent

work of **Ross Moore**. It has hyperlinks to the program schedule of the TUG'99 meeting and you can navigate through the schedule in the order of each presentation just as if you were present at the meeting. It is an interesting and intricate example of the use of pdfL^AT_EX. An article on how to prepare documents for TUGboat in pdfL^AT_EX will be forthcoming.

Take a moment to check out the new

- **TUG world map** with information about the TUG annual meetings and membership; and the
- **T_EX Friendly Zone** logo, which you are invited to print and post on your office door or in any area where loyal T_EXies are hiding out.

Most of the digital photos were graciously provided by Warren Leach of Blue Sky Research. The rest by **Kiren Bahm**, of the TUG Office. If any of you (participants) have photos that you would like to add please write to us and let us know. The souvenir photo album can be expanded to link to photos on your website or be posted directly here. This is a live webpage that will be updated “as time permits.” We welcome your contributions and suggestions. The TUGboat production team (TUGboat@tug.org) are also looking for photographs to print (in black and white) in the proceedings edition of TUGboat.

We thank **all of you who came and contributed to the success of the meeting by your participation**. Those of you not lucky enough to have been there, sorry you missed the fun, but hope you will enjoy seeing some of the highlights which will bring back fond memories for the attendees.

Next year, the 21st annual meeting, TUG 2000, will take place at Wadham College, Oxford, England, August 13th – 16th, 2000. We hope to see you there!

In the meantime, **happy (L^A)T_EXing!**

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