
Ab Epistulis

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As I sit here writing this in the gentle hum of my overworked air conditioner, I can attest that summer has definitely reached the northern hemisphere. As the weather here has been heating up, so too has the planning for TUG 2013 in Tokyo.

Proposals are coming right now (the deadline is here, which focuses the mind), and from what I've seen so far, it looks to be an amazing conference, with a focus (as you would expect) on East Asian usage of T_EX, but with plenty of content for T_EX users of every level and linguistic requirement. Even if you aren't giving a presentation, consider joining us. The conference runs from October 23–26 at the University of Tokyo, Komaba, Tokyo, Japan. For full details, see the conference website at <http://tug.org/tug2013>.

Since I wrote for the last issue of *TUGboat*, we have had an official TUG election. I'm very pleased to be able to continue as president for another term (even if I am thinking of re-styling this as the vice president's column). On the board of directors, we have one director retiring, Jonathan Fine, and I'd like to thank him for his service on the board. Joining the board this year will be Arthur Reutenauer, whom many of you will know from various T_EX meetings in Europe and abroad. I first met Arthur a few years ago in Cork, and was immediately impressed both with how smart he is, and how approachable. (And of course, anyone who knows him knows that he wears many hats, most of them quite stylish!) Returning to the board are Kaja Christiansen, Steve Grathwohl (a.k.a. *Steve₂*), Jim Hefferon, Klaus Hoenpner, and David Walden. Candidate statements and photos are online at <http://tug.org/election>.

The T_EX Collection 2013 DVD has shipped to TUG members. I received my disc last week, and several friends have already installed the latest and greatest, and are playing around (re)discovering T_EX and friends.

Board member Boris Veytsman continues to write prolifically. Now online at the TUG website are new book reviews covering *Presentations with L^AT_EX* and *L^AT_EX Quick Reference* by Herbert Voß, and *Learning L^AT_EX* by David Griffiths and Desmond Higham. For these and other reviews, as well as discounts and more, see <http://tug.org/books>.

Until next time. Happy T_EXing!

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