

## General Delivery

### From the President

Karl Berry

### In memoriam

The T<sub>E</sub>X community has lost two important contributors in 2009. Helmut Kopka, co-author of the renowned book *A Guide to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X*, passed away in January. A memorial by his fellow author Patrick Daly appears in this issue. Eitan Gurari, creator of the T<sub>E</sub>X4ht software package and frequent participant at TUG conferences, unexpectedly passed away in June; he was going to be a featured speaker at the TUG 2009 conference. A profile of Eitan will appear in the proceedings issue.

We will greatly miss our friends and colleagues.

### T<sub>E</sub>X Collection 2009

Work on T<sub>E</sub>X Live 2009 continues, and anyone willing to try the pretest releases is welcome; details at <http://tug.org/texlive>. Thomas Feuerstack has also prepared a new version of proT<sub>E</sub>Xt for 2009, which can be found at <http://tug.org/protext>.

Among many other changes, this year's release will include a new version of the Computer Modern Type 1 fonts, painstakingly prepared by the AMS to incorporate all of Knuth's glyph shape changes, the hinting previously released by Y&Y, and other fixes.

T<sub>E</sub>X Live 2009 will also include the new front end T<sub>E</sub>Xworks, written by Jonathan Kew (<http://tug.org/texworks>), a project supported by TUG and other user groups. We expect executables for Windows and Mac OS X to be included in the distribution, while (for painful technical reasons) binaries for other platforms will be downloadable from the T<sub>E</sub>Xworks web site. T<sub>E</sub>Xworks can also be tested now.

The Asymptote graphics program will also be included on at least the major platforms. More about Asymptote is in two articles by John Bowman and his colleagues: one in this issue about its 3D support and a more introductory article in *TUGboat* 29:2 (<http://tug.org/TUGboat/Contents/listauthor.html#Bowman,John>).

### Book of TUG interviews

We have finished production of the book of interviews done over the past several years (<http://tug.org/interviews>). It will be publicly available through

Amazon and other online (and perhaps physical) stores, and we will also be making it available to TUG members at a large discount. By the time you are reading this, the web site should have the details.

And now that the book is done, regular interviews will resume. Perhaps there will be a volume 2 in the future.

### Server hardware

The machine that is currently [tug.org](http://tug.org) has served us well for several years, but it has become time to upgrade the hardware. The transition is underway and should be complete — more or less invisibly, we hope — by the fall. It will continue to run GNU/Linux. We will be re-using the current machine for other purposes.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to DAIMI, the computer science department at the University of Aarhus, for hosting [tug.org](http://tug.org) for so many years, and more personally to DAIMI senior staff member Michael Glad for much advice and help over the years, and of course to my fellow system administrator, vice-president, and good friend Kaja Christiansen, who made (and makes) the hosting possible.

### Conferences

TUG 2009 (<http://tug.org/tug2009>) will be taking place as the issue of *TUGboat* is printed. Its proceedings will be the second issue for 2009.

EuroT<sub>E</sub>X 2009 (<http://ntg.nl/EuroTeX2009>) will take place at The Hague in The Netherlands; that proceedings will be the third issue.

Looking ahead to 2010, it is probable that the TUG conference will be held in San Francisco around the end of June, while EuroT<sub>E</sub>X will be in Italy towards the end of the summer. The web page <http://tug.org/meetings> will be updated as plans are finalized.

### Joint memberships

We are very pleased that the Italian T<sub>E</sub>X user group, GuIT, is now offering joint memberships with TUG. The other groups with which we have joint membership agreements are DANTE (German), DK-TUG (Danish), NTG (Dutch), and UK-TUG (United Kingdom). It is great to see such widespread collaboration in our common cause.

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