GUST
Announcing Bacho\TeX’99

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abstract
An announcement of GUST’s annual conference in Bachotek, Poland.

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Many years ago it was Kees van der Laan who set up contacts with the Polish \TeX users group GUST. These contacts flourished ever since, resulting in cooperation, friendship, mutual invitations to tutorials and conferences. And let’s not forget the Euro\TeX bus that enabled many Polish people to attend the Euro\TeX’95 conference in Arnhem.

I’ve had the pleasure of attending the Euro\TeX’94 conference in Gdańsk, and I was impressed by the Polish hospitality and friendliness. Last year GUST made another great effort to the benefit of the \TeX community by organizing the TUG’99 conference in Toruń. Naturally that was another great success.

But that’s not all. GUST also has its own annual meeting. There is a small village called Bachotek, which is surrounded by forests and lakes, where this event takes place every Spring. Naturally the event is called ‘Bacho\TeX’ for the occasion. In several MAPS issues you can find reports on Bacho\TeX conferences.

Bacho\TeX

Actually this is not a real conference center but rather a vacation resort with some conferencing facilities. For three days you can live in the woods in wooden houses near a lake. Plenty of opportunities for hiking, fishing, swimming (?), snake watching, or just enjoying the peaceful atmosphere and the clean air. Is it any wonder that many GUST members bring their whole family to the conference?

And oh yes, there are many lectures, tutorials and discussions on \TeX-related issues. It’s almost a Euro\TeX meeting because you can expect to meet people from Poland, Germany, The Netherlands, Great Britain and Hungary, perhaps more. So don’t worry too much about language problems. Lectures are in general in Polish, but you can ask any English speaking Polish friend to translate for you.

The program

This year the conference will take place from 1–3 May, and this year’s theme is Practical aspects of electronic publishing. As the theme suggests, the conference will focus on practical aspects of the production of all sorts of electronic publications. The list of possible topics includes:

- \TeX, macros, drivers, etc.
- multilingual publications
- graphics and fonts
- PostScript and PDF
- standards: SGML, HTML, XML, MathML
As always, the conference program will be completed with tutorials covering wide range of interesting subjects presented by renowned \TeX{} experts. The conference fee will be announced shortly but as usual it will be approximately 100 USD. Check out http://www.gust.org.pl/BachoTeX/99-e.html for details on the conference.

It looks like this year Bacho\TeX{} will be visited by more Dutch \TeX{}ies than usual. Obviously the conference in Toruń was good promotion for GUST.

If you need an opportunity to combine useful learning experience in \TeX{} c.s. and a good time to relax and have fun with friends, then to Bacho\TeX{} you should come. Bring your whole family!

And don’t forget to register for the tutorial on firespitting (not a joke). If that’s too much for you, just make sure you don’t miss the bonfires.