

TUG'98:

“Integrating T_EX with the surrounding world”
 Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika, Toruń, Poland
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The 1998 T_EX Users Group Conference will be organised and hosted by the Polish T_EX Users Group GUST. Planning is now well under way, and enquiries may be addressed to tug-98@mail.tug.org.

1 Call for Papers

Proposals for papers are now being solicited: preference will be given to papers which deal most directly with the theme of the conference, but papers on related topics (e.g., DSSSL, HTML, PDF, SGML, XML, etc.) are not excluded. Proposals (which should ideally be written in English, but which may be written in another language by prior arrangement) should be sent to the TUG'98 Programme Committee (tug-98-papers@mail.tug.org).

Each proposal should include the title, name, address, e-mail address and affiliation (where appropriate) of the proposer, together with an extended abstract (the latter should correspond to approximately one side of A4. In addition, there should be an estimate of the necessary time for verbal presentation (excluding questions: a further five minutes will be allowed for questions after each talk), and a further estimate of the number of printed pages which will be required to reproduce the full text of the article using the [1] `tugproc` macros. Any special needs to process the paper should also be stated (for example, colour pages in the preprints/proceedings; e-T_EX, pdfT_EX, Omega, etc.).

2 Deadlines

30 January 1998:

Deadline for receipt of proposals

20 February 1998:

Deadline for notification of acceptance/rejection

10 April 1998:

Deadline for receipt of first drafts

29 May 1998:

Deadline for receipt of final versions

For more extensive information, consult the TUG'98 website at <http://www.tug.org/tug-98/>, which also includes a list of related conferences.

3 Getting there

Delegates arriving from overseas will probably fly into Warszawa (“Warsaw”) Airport: the schedule for LOT, the national carrier, is on-line at <http://www.lot.com/schedule/>. Many other carriers (e.g., British Airways, KLM, Sabena) also fly into Warszawa.

From the airport, delegates should take the Airport City bus to Warszawa Centralna (“Warsaw Central”) station: this bus journey costs 4 zł (the current exchange rate is about 5 zł to 1 pound sterling). The number 175 bus is a cheaper option (cost: 1.6 zł), but not advisable if traveling with large quantities of luggage, exposed wallets, documents, etc. . . . Taxis can prove very expensive unless booked by telephone in advance from a reliable company such as Wawa or Wolfra (a useful list of taxi companies with telephone numbers can be found at <http://www.inter.com.pl/warsaw/wttt.htm>).

From the station, trains run direct to Toruń; the PKP (Polish Railways) timetable is on-line at (<http://bahn.hafas.de/bin/db.w97/query.exe/en>).¹ Train travel within Poland is not expensive, and delegates should book first-class accommodation with reserved seats if possible: couchettes and sleeping cars are available on some overnight trains. Beware of pickpockets, and never allow yourself to be forced to pass between two strangers in the train corridor.

If you prefer to drive to Toruń, and are coming from outside Poland, expect considerable delays at such well-known border crossings such as Frankfurt am Oder. Far better is to seek out the little-used local crossings such as that at Kostrzyn. Formalities are minimal, and you need not complete a currency declaration unless you are carrying more than 2000 ECU. Once in Poland, pay particular attention to speed limits, which are strictly enforced (60 kph in towns/villages, 90 kph outside, 110 kph on expressways and motorways: any/all of these may be overridden by signs). The alcohol limit for drivers is zero.

¹ Specify *Warszawa Centralna* as ‘From:’ and *Toruń Główny* as the destination ‘To:’; in fact, any European station can be the starting and/or finishing point.