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Hello from the T_EX world headquarters! I'm pleased to be able to share with you the following information from the T_EX Users Group, my first as president. (And I'm pining for the days when Karl Berry wrote these messages.)

Group membership category

This year, TUG is offering a new membership category, called group membership. It includes up to four individual memberships for \$200 (thus providing a discount), with electronic access for all four members and one physical copy of *TUGboat* and software, as well as an acknowledgment online. This is perfect for small departments or research groups. <http://tug.org/join.html> has all the info.

If you haven't joined TUG yet for this year, it's not too late. Individual memberships are just \$95 and joining TUG helps to support and promote the use of T_EX, L^AT_EX, ConT_EXt, METAFONT, METAPOST, and related systems worldwide.

Software

No major changes in the software delivery are expected this year. Work toward the T_EX Live 2012 release is well underway. We will begin trial builds soon and are aiming to freeze updates in May (a timeline is on <http://tug.org/texlive/>). The editors of the MacT_EX, proT_EXt, and CTAN components of the overall T_EX Collection software are also preparing their respective releases.

Conferences

TUG 2012 will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, from July 16 through July 18 at the Omni Parker House. The deadline for presentation abstracts is May 1, 2012, and early bird registration is available through May 15. Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks as well as all the cutting edge T_EX information that will fit in your brain. The discount code for our group's hotel reservations is available on the conference web site at <http://tug.org/tug2012/>.

Outside of North America, GUST is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a special Bachot_EX from April 29 through May 3. For all the information, see the website at <http://www.gust.org.pl/bachotex/2012/>.

T_EXperience 2012 (CSTUG) will be held August 23–26 in Morávka, Czech Republic. See the website at <http://katedry.osu.cz/kma/TeXperience2012> for all the details.

EuroT_EX 2012 and the Sixth ConT_EXt User Meeting will be October 8–12 in Breskens, The Netherlands. See <http://meeting.contextgarden.net/2012/>.

Book reviews

The TUG website has a section for book reviews, and you should definitely visit if you haven't yet had the chance. Recently, we've added reviews of David Kadavy's *Design for hackers: Reverse-engineering beauty* (reviewed by Boris Veytsman) and Jean-luc Doumont's *Trees, maps, and theorems* (by Pavneet Arora). These and other reviews are at <http://tug.org/books/#reviews>. Many thanks to Boris Veytsman for organizing the reviews.

And speaking of books, RIT Press/RIT Cary Graphic Arts Press is offering 10% off to TUG members for a limited time. The code may be used on one order and is valid through May 31, 2012. The exclusive members-only discount code is available in the members area at <https://www.tug.org/members>.

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