The Hungarian TEX Rhapsody—Euro TEX 2006

EuroTEX 2006 was the first international TEX conference held in Hungary; it was organized by the Hungarian TEX Users Group, MATEX. It took place during the first week of the hot Hungarian summer, from July 4 to July 8, in Debrecen, the second largest city in Hungary.

Debrecen is a town of several universities, and the capital of Calvinism. The conference was held in the new campus of the University of Debrecen, near the center of the town. During the excursion, the participants visited some of the nice places of the town: the old campus and buildings of the university, the old library and a school exhibition of the Theological University, and the main Calvinistic church. A short walk in the center was followed by a tour in the Hortobágy National Park. Here we could see the old Hortobágy bridge, as well as special, protected animals and a photo exhibition about the special flora and fauna of the area. And, of course, we got a taste of traditional Hungarian food.

The TEXers and typographers participating in the conference came from Europe and Africa: Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, The Netherlands, and Norway. We were very sorry that some of our friends could not participate because of personal reasons. We thank all the attendees for the talks, tutorials and valuable discussions that made the conference successful.

In this proceedings, papers on various parts of TEX and typography can be read. There are papers on how to use TEX for publishing journals and mathematical exercise databases, about attractive Roman and Arabic and even some bovine fonts, new developments in pdfLaTEX, ConTEXt, Ω and MIBibTEX, and new hyphenation techniques for TEX and Ω . The other main thread of the conference was typography: papers about typographical history, aspects and systems can also be found in the proceedings. We regret to inform the reader that Yannis Haralambous's greeting lines delivered in Hungarian at the beginning of his presentation are not part of the proceedings! We hope that you will enjoy the papers as we enjoyed the excellent talks during the conference.

Beyond that many thanks must go to the members of the programme and organizing committees (listed on the preceding page) for their work in making the conference successful and valuable.

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Hope to see you at the next TEX conference!

- With best regards, Gyöngyi Bujdosó