

## The 17th Annual T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group Meeting

### ПОЛ<sub>T</sub>T<sub>E</sub>X

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

Дорогие друзья!

Вот и настало время, когда T<sub>E</sub>X-полиглот, уже бойко говорящий на многих языках с латиницей, начинает углублять свои познания и в других алфавитах. Летом 1996 года он собирается посетить Россию и провести T<sub>E</sub>X-практикум на кириллице.

РОССИЯ . . . Страна необъятных просторов, которую населяют такие загадочные русские, в начале века совершившие Революцию, а в конце века — Перестройку. Страна, создавшая блестящую математическую школу, освоившая Космос, покорившая мир своей литературой, музыкой, балетом.

Что же ждет T<sub>E</sub>Xuser'a, решившего принять участие в TUG'96?

В Аэропорту Шереметьево-2 участников конференции встретят на автобусе и доставят в город Дубну, где с 28 июля по 2 августа и будет проходить конференция (подробнее о г. Дубне см. ниже). У кого-то, возможно, возникают такие ассоциации: мороз, тайга, медведи, . . . Спешим обрадовать: это центр Европейской части России и до северных льдов отсюда значительно дальше, чем до субтропиков. Сосновый бор, в котором расположился этот уютный городок, похож скорее на парк, чем на непроходимые лесные дебри. Погода же в конце июля обычно жаркая и солнечная: средняя температура +28С°. Гостей ждет комфортабельная гостиница с одноместными и двухместными номерами (горячая вода, душ, телефон, телевизор). Русская кухня отличается изобилием, так что похудеть вряд ли удастся.

Среди культурных мероприятий запланирован пикник на живописном берегу Волги, куда участников доставят на катере, автобусная экскурсия в г. Сергиев-Посад (центр Русской православной церкви) и в последний день — автобусная экскурсия в Москву, по окончании которой желающих доставят в аэропорт Шереметьево 2.

Dear Friends!

So the time has arrived when T<sub>E</sub>X, the Polyglot, who has for many years happily “spoken” many different languages written in the Latin alphabet, extends its knowledge in the field of other alphabets. During the Summer of 1996, a visit is planned to Russia where T<sub>E</sub>X will have its first practical session in Cyrillic.

Russia is that large country, with its enormous spaces, inhabited by those enigmatic Russians, who started the century with a Revolution, and ended it with “Perestroika”. A country who founded a brilliant mathematical school, colonized the Cosmos, and conquered the world with its literature, music, and ballet.

So what awaits the T<sub>E</sub>X user who plans to attend TUG'96?

At Moscow's international Sheremetevo-2 Airport, conference participants will be met by a member of the organizing committee and escorted by bus to Dubna, where from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> TUG conference will take place (see below for more about Dubna). If, for some reason or another, you envision cold, the taiga, and white bears, then we can reassure you, Dubna is in the European part of Russia, and if you want to see the ice on the nordic oceans, you will have to travel further than you would to reach the subtropics of the Black Sea shore. Indeed, you will soon find that the pine forest in which the comfortable town of Dubna is situated will remind you of a park. In July and August, the weather is mostly warm and sunny, with an average temperature of 28С°. Guests will be housed in a comfortable hotel on the banks of the Volga river in single or double rooms (hot water, shower, telephone, and television). The Russian “cuisine” is characterized by its abundance, so one can forget about slimming.

The social program includes a picnic on the picturesque banks of the Volga, where we will be taken by boat, a bus excursion to Sergiev Posad (the center of the Russian Orthodox Church, where Andrey Slepikhin works — see his article on page 373), and, on the last day a visit to Moscow, following which the participants can be dropped off at the airport to fly home, or at one of the railway stations, if they want to prolong their visit.

Что касается научной программы конференции, то эту информацию мы Вам предоставим, как только получим от вас предложения с аннотациями докладов, заявки на проведение курсов и участие в них, пожелания осветить глубже ту или иную проблему. Адрес конференции: TUG96@pds.jinr.ru.

Пишите нам — все ваши предложения впишутся в наш девиз:

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Polymath  
Polyglot

### Practical Information

#### Conference costs

The Conference Committee foresees a cost in the range 550–600 USD. This sum includes the complete cost of the conference, namely the registration fee, lodging (6 nights with six breakfasts, lunches, and dinners), coffee/tea breaks, social events, and transport from Sheremetevo Airport to Dubna. The payment should be made in the following way: a *non-refundable* sum of \$100 per person should be transferred to a bank account (to be announced) before June 1st. After receipt of that sum an official invitation, necessary for obtaining a visa (see below), will be faxed to the participant. The rest will be payable in cash upon arrival at the Conference (no credit cards or cheques can be used in Dubna). We hope to arrange bursary funds for support of students and those participants who demonstrate need.

#### Visas

Most of the visitors from outside Russia will need a visa to attend the Conference. Therefore, for arranging a visa into Russia, participants should inform the Conference Secretariat (Mrs. N. Dokalenko, E-mail nataly@ypr.jinr.dubna.su; Fax 7 095 975 2381 or 7 09621 65 891) of their and (possibly) the accompanying person(s)'s full name, date of birth, citizenship, passport number, arrival and departure dates. The Secretariat will forward by fax the visa support message to the participants with which they should apply for visas to the nearest Russian Embassy or Consulate. Please note that you should apply for a visa valid for Dubna, Moscow, and Sergiev Posad.<sup>1</sup>

The conference's preliminary program will be announced as soon as we receive from you, dear readers, proposals for presentations, courses that you would like to teach or attend, poster sessions, or any problem(s) or subject(s) that interest you. Please send your suggestions to the conference electronic address TUG96@pds.jinr.ru.

Write to us — all your proposals will enrich the theme of our conference:

#### Transportation

The Organizing Committee will arrange direct transportation by bus from the Sheremetevo-2 Airport to Dubna (130 km north of Moscow). The Secretariat should be informed of the flight number, precise date and time of arrival (Moscow time) *no later than* four working days before a participant wishes to be met at the airport. It is our intention to have each participant met by a member of Organizing Committee. Details will be available later.

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<sup>1</sup> If you plan to visit other cities in Russia you should obtain the relevant documents and join them to the visa application, so that the names of all places to be visited can be entered on the visa form as required.

**Deadlines**

Submission of abstracts	February 20
Acceptance signified to authors	February 29
Preliminary articles	March 31
Proposals for workshops, demos, poster sessions	April 20
Registration and transfer of a non-refundable sum of \$100 <i>per</i> <i>person</i> to a Dubna bank	May 31
Visa supporting information	June 5
Revised articles	June 10
Start of Conference	July 28

**Welcome to Dubna!**

Dubna was founded in 1956 when the Convention establishing the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research was signed. The town is situated on the picturesque banks of the Volga river and the Moscow sea 120 km to the north of Moscow. One can reach Dubna from Moscow within 2 hours going by car, by bus or by express train. It will take you 1.5 hours to go to Dubna from the Sheremetevo-2 International Airport. Waterways connect Dubna not only to the Russian Volga cities, but also to the waters of the Black, the Caspian, the Baltic and the White seas.

There is no harmful environmental impact from the industrial plants; this together with the large tracts of forest in the environs of Dubna, and the vast water area dotted with small islands, makes the area quite attractive for tourism and rest. The Volga embankment is one of the prettiest parts of the town. In springtime, the streets of Dubna are full of the odour of lilacs, the apple trees are pink-white; in summer, lime trees, maples, birch trees and poplars make the town seem totally green; in autumn the town is all golden excepting the evergreen of old pine trees. The town's modern look harmonizes with the quietness of the surrounding forest. The town was built in the midst of a forest. There are separate patches of trees in the town itself, and the town park is just a part of the forest. It takes just a few minutes to get to the forest from the shopping centre on foot. A few minutes' walk and you are outside the city limits!

Small as it is, Dubna is a real metropolis. It is a scientific metropolis. It is a *big little city*, as a visiting American scientist called it many years ago. Since the foundation of the Joint Institute for

Nuclear Research (JINR), the name of Dubna has constantly been in the pages of the world's newspapers and journals. Dubna is one of the world centres for fundamental research in nuclear physics. The Joint Institute plays an important role as a coordinator of investigations of the scientists from 18 JINR member-state institutes. Wide international scientific and technical cooperation is one of the fundamental concepts of the JINR.

Dubna is indeed a town of international friendship. Foreign speech can be heard everywhere. But the words, no matter in which language they are pronounced, are clear to everybody: friendly cooperation and fraternity unite all the physicists and mathematicians living and working in Dubna into an international scientific community.

On October 3, 1994, Dubna opened its doors to its first university, "International University of Dubna: Nature, Society and Man". The university is composed of five "cathedra" or faculties, including socioeconomic sciences, ecology and earth science, computer education, linguistics, and health and physical education. Two more faculties—law and government and technology—are also being contemplated.

The town has great experience in holding international conferences, and exchanges of delegations between countries in the sphere of science, education and culture. Dubna and La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA, are sister cities. Dubna is famous for its hospitality. Famous scientists, public figures and statesmen from different countries visit Dubna. They are always impressed by the gracious welcome they receive in Dubna and warm generosity which Dubna residents demonstrate.

**A few words on Moscow**

Moscow, the capital of Russia, has a population of some nine million people. It is a city rich in cultural, architectural and historical monuments, and, at the same time, boasts a rapidly developing modern urban community with brand new blocks of flats, long, straight and broad avenues, parks, gardens, stadiums, schools, cinemas, department stores, recreation centres, bridges and highways. Though forward-looking, it cherishes the memory of its past, and its old sections lend it a special charm.

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**See page 352 for views of some local scenery!**

**Look for current information on the WWW at**

<http://www.scri.fsu.edu/~mimi/tug96/tug96.html>

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