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Stand up and be proud of T_EX

TUG 2002 — Annual Meeting and
Conference of the T_EX Users Group
<http://www.tug.org.in/tug2002>



1. TUG 2002 in India

Trumpet loudly TUG 2002's theme, all ye faithful:

Stand up and be proud of T_EX!

After all, you're heading for God's Own Country!

The most exciting T_EX event of 2002, the international conference of T_EX Users Group, is scheduled to be conducted in India during September 4-7, 2002 at Park Centre, Technopark, Trivandrum, the capital of the south Indian State of Kerala, fondly called *God's Own Country* for its wealth of natural charms.

This is going to be the first TUG Annual Conference and the first major T_EX event to be held outside Europe or North America and we, the organizers, are hoping for excellent participation, especially from the Far East, Australasia and, of course, India.

This is an unprecedented opportunity for you and anyone else interested in T_EX to participate and/or offer a presentation at what promises to be a rousing event. We hope to make TUG 2002 a huge success, and we expect lots of high quality presentations on this Conference's theme, *Stand up and be proud of T_EX!*. The presentations will convincingly show why T_EX is still the typesetting tool of choice, how it can handle a wide range of material, and especially how it can coexist with the new world of XML.

We expect the presentations and papers to specifically address these topics:

- ☐ Using T_EX to typeset XML
- ☐ Multilingual typesetting using Omega
- ☐ High quality hyperdocuments using pdfT_EX
- ☐ Fonts for non-Latin languages
- ☐ New directions for Metafont and Metapost

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Full conference details can be found at <http://www.tug.org.in/tug2002/>.

Suffice to say here that there is an added attraction to come to TUG 2002 perhaps a few days in advance. The 23rd Annual Conference is being held in the capital of the palmy, tropical South Indian State of Kerala, billed by *National Geographic Traveler* as one of the Top 50 *must see* destinations of the millennium. Not for nothing is Kerala known in the travel trade as *God's Own Country*. The official [conference website](#) will give you more information on this most beautiful part of India, where you can be sure to expect very warm hospitality, a high physical quality of life, and excellent facilities.

The TUG 2002 Program Committee chair is [Sebastian Rahtz](#) of Oxford University and the Organizing Committee chair is [Satish Babu](#) of Internet Application Technologies (InApp), Trivandrum.

Proposals for papers should be directed immediately to papers@tug2002.tug.org.in.

1.1. Important Dates

- ☐ *January/February 2002*: send in abstracts for papers
- ☐ *End of February 2002*: notification of acceptance of paper
- ☐ *End of March 2002*: preliminary program available
- ☐ *May 2002*: send first version of full paper
- ☐ *July 2002*: send final version of full paper
- ☐ *1-3 September 2002*: Pre-conference tutorial
- ☐ *4-7 September 2002*: TUG conference in India

1.2. Tutorials

From 1 to 3 September 2002, there will be Pre-conference Tutorials on the following topics:



- *Introduction to T_EX*
- *ΛT_EX to SGML/XML/MathML conversion*
- *XML and XSL transformation procedures*
- *TEI XML*
- *Generation of hyperlinked documents with pdfT_EX and ConT_EXt*
- *Multilingual typesetting using Omega*

1.3. Email ids for contact

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- *Financial matters:* finance@tug2002.tug.org.in
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1.4. The Program

In addition to the usual programs, we expect to have a major session on languages. As a new concept, we also plan to have a continuous workshop, running in parallel with the main conferences sessions. Experienced staff will be available for hands-on training and problem solving. This means that participants who do not have a strong interest in a particular session can learn T_EX, XML, and even graphics generation using common graphics programs.

1.5. Expected attendance

Taking India alone, there are some 50 typesetting companies, most of them using T_EX in one form or another. In addition, some 400 institutions use T_EX. We confidently



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estimate that at least 150 people will attend from the Indian subcontinent. We would expect this meeting to be the best attended in recent years, with participants from all continents.



2. Facilities

The conference venue is the International Convention Centre at Technopark which is located about 14 km from the center of Trivandrum city, the capital of Kerala. The conference facilities are impressive by any standards, and benefit from air conditioning throughout. The international airport is about 8 km and railway station about 2 km from the city. Kovalam, the internationally famous beach resort is about 20 min drive from Trivandrum. For an excellent source of information on tourism and Kerala in general, see <http://www.kerelatourism.org>.



The Convention Center offers three conference halls (one large and two small), full audio-visual facilities, high speed satellite link, video conferencing, etc.

A dedicated 64K line will be available throughout the conference. Full internet facilities will be available to attendees, including hands-on support.



Main conference hall



Small conference hall



Open air auditorium



Convention center

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2.1. Accommodation

There are many hotels in Trivandrum and the surrounding region. Some examples of costs are given in the table below.

Hotels	Single		Twin		Suite
	A/C	Non A/C	A/C	Non A/C	
Class A					
South Park	US\$ 56		US\$ 63		US\$ 75
Lucia	US\$ 35	—	US\$ 48	—	US\$ 63
Mascot	US\$ 27	—	US\$ 32	—	US\$ 65
Class B					
Pankaj	US\$ 33	—	US\$ 45	—	US\$ 67
Horizon	US\$ 27	—	US\$ 45	—	US\$ 50
Residency Towers	US\$ 27	US\$ 15	US\$ 35	US\$ 17	US\$ 67
Class C					
Jas	US\$ 27	US\$ 15	US\$ 33	US\$ 19	US\$ 54
Geeth	—	—	US\$ 20	US\$ 10	US\$ 33
Prasanth	US\$ 23	US\$ 12	US\$ 29	US\$ 13	—
Class D					
Yatri Nivas	—	—	—	US\$ 5	—
Salvation Army RH	—	—	US\$ 16	US\$ 6	—

Tax @ 15% will be levied for suite and A/C, and 7% for Non-A/C

2.2. Language

All conference proceedings will be conducted in English.

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2.3. Climate

The weather in Trivandrum during September is pleasant, with average daytime temperature at 28°C and nights somewhat cooler. Winter clothes are never required in Kerala!

2.4. Costs

For overseas participants, the conference registration cost will be US\$ 250. This will include all dinners, opening banquet, refreshments, etc.



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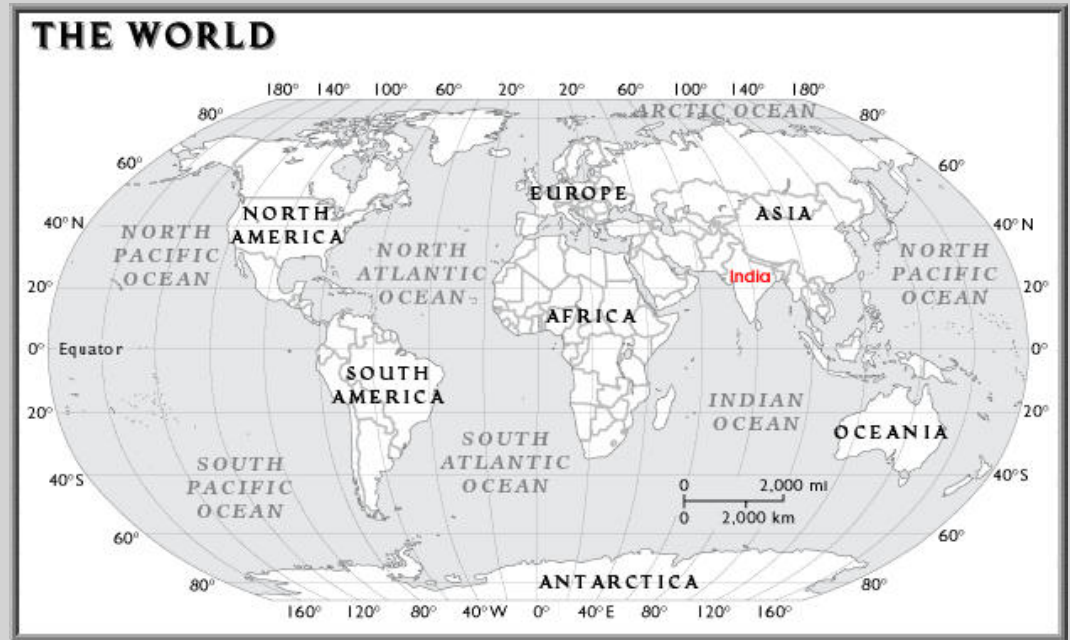
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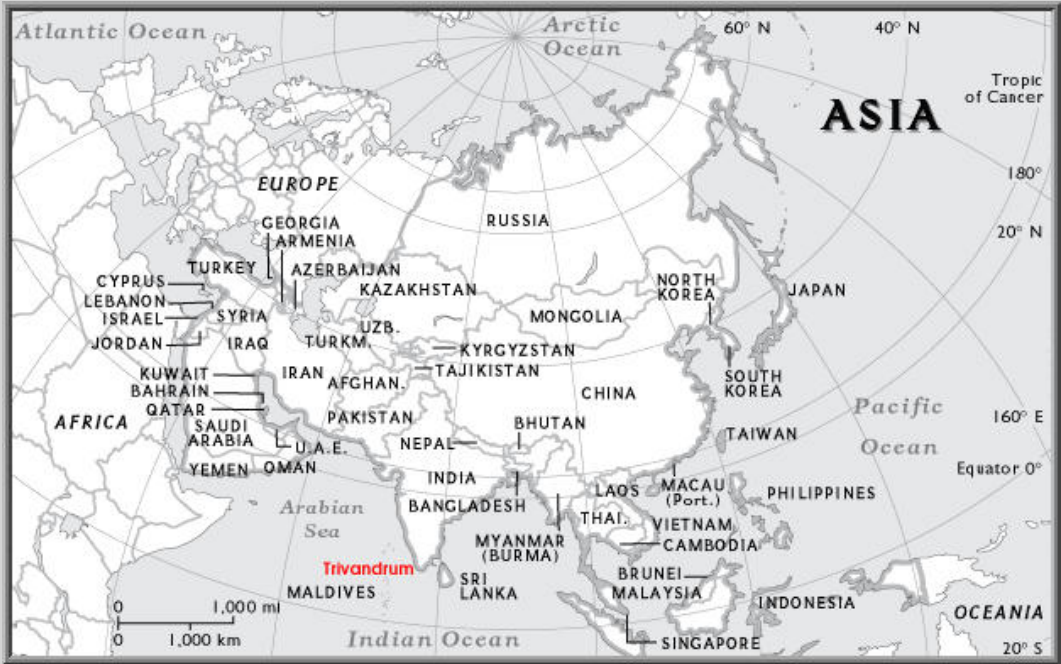
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3. Attractions of Kerala

Kerala's touristic attractions are well known. Here are some pictures . Find out more on <http://www.keralatourism.org>.



(left to right) Row 1: Sunset that can be seen anywhere in the 800 km long seashore in Kerala; Hill station of Munnar; Pooram festival at Trichur; Traditional flower art work in the courtyard during Onam in a typical Keralan village home. Row 2: Ayurvedic massage; A trip through the backwaters; Close up of *Kathakali* artiste; Vast stretches of coconut palms that earned the name Kēraḷa (kēra means coconut); Row 3: Ayurvedic oil bath; Ayurvedic traditional therapy; Temple art; Boat race during Onam festival.

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4. Post-conference tours

4.1. Full day Kanyakumari—Padmanabhapuram Palace—Sucheendram Temple Tour

Padmanabhapuram Place, the seat of Travancore Rulers and Sucheendram Temple, an ancient famous temple before reaching the southernmost tip of Indian peninsula where Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea meet. At Kanyakumari (Cape Comorin) could witness a beautiful sunset and visit Vivekananda Rock memorial. US\$ 25 per person, includes a guide and all entrance fee. Subject to a minimum of 15 persons.

4.1.1. Full day at Kovalam Ashok Beach resort

Located in Kovalam, Traditional Keralan fishing village, the Ashok beach resort sits on a small crescent shaped beach where fishermen trawl in their catch for the day.



The resort offers opportunity for people to relax, swim and sun bathe or take a



traditional oil massage. (US\$ 10 per person, lunch not included, subject to minimum of 15 persons traveling together)

4.1.2. Three Day Leisure Tour-Kumarakom-Cochin

Morning Drive to Alleppey-three hours Boat cruise in the backwater to Kumarakom, check in at the Hotel and dinner at Hotel Coconut Lagoon. Second day morning drive to Cochin-Breakfast, Check in at Hotel, Lunch Afternoon visits to Cochin City, evening witnessing Kathakali Dance Show, Dinner and overnight at Hotel Renaissance. Third day breakfast and drive back to Trivandrum (US\$ 192 per person using first class hotels and for single room supplement US\$ 61).



Cost includes NAC 18 seated coach for all transfers and visits, all entrance fees, assistance, portorage, all presents taxes, guide charge in Cochin, ticket for Kathakali dance show, hotels sharing double rooms on room full board basis for two nights. Check in/out 12 noon. Cost does not include any airfare, airport tax, and items of personal nature. Based on a minimum of 15 persons traveling together.

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4.1.3. Three day Periyar Wild Life Sanctuary Tour

Morning drive to Periyar (255 kms). On arrival check in at Hotel. Lunch on board and rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Cardamom County. On day 2 breakfast and morning boat ride on the lake to see the wild animals in their natural habitat. Lunch on board. Afternoon visit of Spice plantation and spice market, dinner and overnight at the Hotel Cardamom County. On the 3rd day break fast and morning visit to Periyar, lunch and Afternoon drive back to Trivandrum.



(US\$ 185 per person for using first class hotels. Single room supplement - US\$ 35). Cost include NAC 18 seated coach for all transfers and visits, all Entry fees, assistance, portorage and all present taxes, boat ride in Periyar (seat in boat basis). Hotels sharing double rooms on full board basis total for 2 nights. Check in/out 12 noon. Cost does not include any airfare, airport tax and items of personal use. Based on Minimum of 15 persons traveling together.



4.1.4. Three day Kerala Back water Cruise

Morning drive to South Paravoor (90 kms). On arrival check in at the hotel, lunch and rest of the day leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel Aquaserin. On day 02 break fast, visit of village, country boat cruises on the scenic backwaters and then lunch.



Witnessing cultural program in the evening, dinner and overnight at the hotel Aquaserin. US\$ 201 per person, first class hotels, single room supplement US\$ 11. Cost includes 35 seated NAC coach for all transfers and visits, all entrance fee, assistance, porterage and all present taxes, Boat ride in the lake (seat in boat basis), ticket for Kathakali Dance show, hotels sharing double rooms on full board basis total for two nights. Check in/out 12 noon. Cost does not include any airfare, airport tax and items of personal nature. Based on minimum of 15 persons traveling together.

5. Cultural Evening



TUGIndia will arrange a cultural evening in the University Senate Hall or in the open air auditorium of Park Center, comprising of *Mōhiniyāṭṭam*, *Kathakali*, *Thiruvātira* (all traditional dance forms) and *kaḷaripayattu* (martial arts of Kerala).



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