

# TEC 2002 Closing Comments

By Glenn Gundermann

Where to start? I have the onerous task of summarizing TUG TEC 2002 – our ninth annual technical education conference. This year's theme was “Unleash the Power” (“Rev IT up”), implying of course that TEC2002 would help you to unleash the power of your iSeries by revving up your IT skills.



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Now that it's finished, only the attendees know for sure if we accomplished our mission. What took a committee of fifteen dedicated individuals the greater part of a year to plan and organize, is now over. The two days went by very fast – we dared not blink during the event. Early feedback indicates that, as in previous years, the conference was a huge success! And why not? With all of the hottest topics, from “Websphere Development Studio for iSeries” to “Accessing Your DB2 Data from Linux”, we filled six full tracks on both days (May 14 & 15, 2002).

Altogether, there were a total of 72 value-packed education sessions, presented by 19 speakers. On the afternoon of the first day, we held our traditional TEC Vendor Showcase, complete with a cash bar, and door prize giveaways.

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We had a total of 226 conference attendees plus several people that came just for the Keynote Speaker, Al Barsa, Jr. Our speakers really were the cream of the crop, as your feedback forms have told us. It was quite a task to coordinate, but we had speakers from all over the USA as well as Toronto, speaking on a wide variety of topics that you all enjoyed.

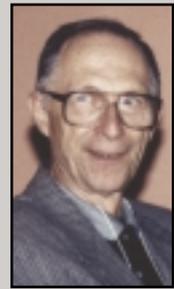
I just want to say I think everyone did a great job again this year. The amount of work that goes into putting this conference together is just unbelievable, right up until the night before (1:30AM for some people – you know who you are) and the days during the conference. What a great bunch of people! It is only with the collective support of everyone that this conference happens. My hat is off to all of the volunteers, speakers, vendors, contractors, hotel staff and especially the attendees for making it all worthwhile.



**Susan Gantner**

Special thanks to IBM for lending us the laptops and printers for our registration area.

Not only did they help us produce some great badges, they came in real handy when we needed to print some extra session handouts.



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We are soon going to embark on planning next year's event, so any comments or advice (e.g., things we did well, things we will do better next year, etc.) will be much appreciated. Thanks also for letting me have the pleasure of serving as your conference committee chairman for TEC2002. It was a most rewarding experience. T G

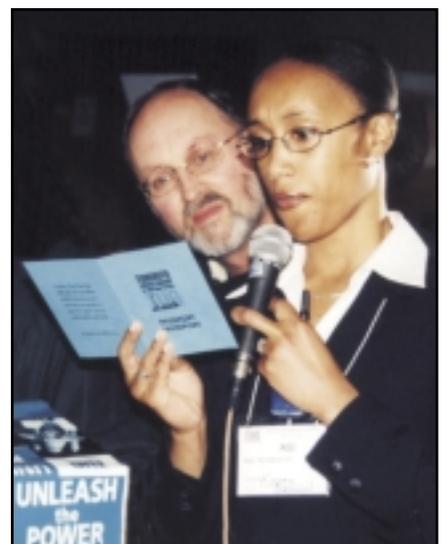
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