

September already! Where did the time go? It feels like just yesterday that we were getting ready for TEC '007, and then it was gone. After TEC, we had our super May Meeting of Members with **Jackie Jansen** and **Randal Munson**. That too is now history! Last time we met was at the 19th TUG Golf Classic. Time flies, really. Could it be because it was summer time and the weather was great (at least in the Toronto area)? Could it be because TUG's 22nd season was excellent? Don't worry—our 23rd season is also looking very good with what we already have planned.

October 3rd

As you probably already know, **Dr Frank Soltis**, the main architect of the AS/400 will be at the TUG season opener meeting—where TUG will be partnering with IBM to present the “Canadian System i Directions Tour”. Frank, the “father of System i” will talk about trends in the industry, the direction of POWER in IBM, and of course the direction of our beloved System i.

At the last meeting of our 22nd season, on May 30th, we all heard and loved **Jackie Jansen** talk about the new IBM DB2 Web Query product for System i. This product is so hot and we heard so many good comments about it that I believe you will also like our other October 3rd speaker **Robert Eckersly**, who will show us how to bring a new level of capabilities to Business Intelligence and reporting on System i.

November 21st

At the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga we will once again host **Alison Butterill** and **Trevor Perry**. While the final agenda and presentation are still to be finalized, PHP will be one of the main topics. Alison and Trevor make a great duo and their presentations are always award-winning.

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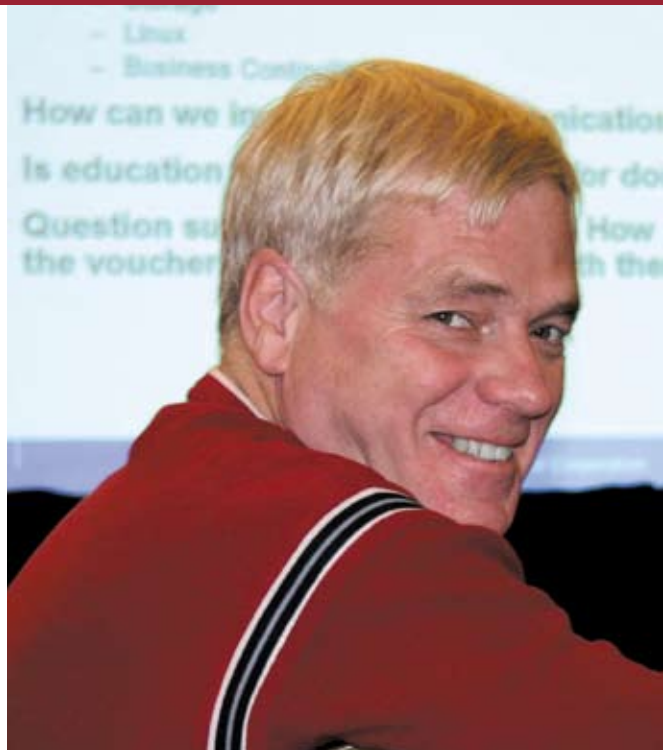
Continuing our season, for our first meeting of 2008, on January 23rd, another great speaker from IBM, **George Farr** will be our guest for the meeting. George is now Product Line Manager for System i AD tools and compilers with the Rational Software Development division. **Tony Lewitt**, IBM 2nd line development manager and **Wendy Toh**, IBM development executive—both from Raleigh, NC are scheduled to assist George for that meeting. They are looking forward to meeting customers in the Toronto area.

TEC 2008

You see, for our 2007-08 season, we already have great meetings scheduled. But don't forget about our annual technical education conference. TEC 2008 will be our fifteenth annual and will be held on April 22 – 24, 2008. As most of you know by now, IBM is scheduled to announce/introduce the new V6R1 release of i5/OS (maybe i6/OS) sometime in February or March. So, you can be certain that the speakers at TEC 2008 will have all the time they need to update their presentations with the new V6R1 material. Stay tuned—we'll keep you informed of all you can expect from TEC 2008. Already I know that it will be a conference not to be missed!

Location Survey

In my previous column, I invited you to let us know your meeting location preference by filling out a survey on the TUG Web site. We had tremendous feedback from it and we are still compiling the results. In the next issue of the magazine, we will have a detailed review of the results. Those who filled out the survey and included their



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name have a chance to win a LACIE 500gb (value approx. \$250.00) USB 2.0 external drive designed by Porche. The draw will take place at our OCTOBER 3rd Meeting of Members (MoM). We'll have our guest speaker Dr. Frank Soltis pick the lucky winner. The winner does not need to be present at the meeting in order to win, but who would miss a meeting with Frank?

New TUG Director

In conclusion, I would like you to welcome our most recent addition to the TUG Board: **Russell Pangborn**, professor at Seneca College. Because of our close association with the college, the TUG Board found it logical to have a Director representing Seneca and other colleges and universities who have a System i teaching program. If you want to know a bit more about Russell, read his column on page 17 in this magazine.

That's it for now, for my part. Don't forget if you have any suggestions, comments or thoughts, let me know. My e-mail address is leo@tug.ca.

