

# TEC 2003 Wrap-up

By Glenn Gundermann

For the fourth consecutive year, I had the honour again this year to be Chairman of the TUG Technical Education Conference (TEC) Committee. This was our 10th annual conference.

We had 23 speakers this time around. Speakers that are known around the globe, some familiar faces to TEC and some new, speaking on the latest topics. It was no surprise to see WebSphere, RPG and IFS were continually full sessions.

We put over 2,800 pages of material on a CD that each registrant received and we printed over 70,000 sheets of paper for our sessions.

We had just under 200 attendees this year. Besides Toronto, some came from places like Nova Scotia, Winnipeg, New Brunswick, Quebec, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie, Buffalo, Chicago and many more places.



*Diane Kieffer with Troy Bleeker and Léo Lefebvre*

I know a lot of people enjoyed themselves. We had many registrants come by to say how great this conference was. Let me say how much this means to us, because the only reason we put a conference on like this is for our attendees.

Registration opened at 7:30AM both days, yet one person, Steve, was wearing his badge before 7AM on Day 1 and five people by 7:25AM. The buzz was quite exciting!

It's quite a privilege to be Chairman. This year has been no dif-

ferent from past years in that I think we have the best possible team of individuals organizing this event.



*Glenn Gundermann*

The committee was comprised of the following people: **Alkarim Sachedina** was in charge of audio/visual and worked on the registration database and our CD; **Anna Musella-Chiasson** was in charge of security and room monitors; **Bohdan (Chili Bob) Lesiw** and **Eveline Gaede** were in charge of registration; **Ed Jowett** was in charge of arranging the facilities; **Ken Sadler** worked on the IBM mailings; **Léo Lefebvre** arranged the speakers, topics, web site, CD and much more; **Neil Andrus** worked on marketing and mailings; **Richard Dolewski** was in charge of the Vendor Showcase; **Vaughn Dragland**, who is the publisher of the TUG eServer Magazine, ensured that TEC was included in each issue;



*Bernard B. Gough, presenting prize to Elaine Kernigan*



*Keynote speaker: Randall Munson*



**GP Winner: Aba Bali with Richard Dolewski**

**Wende Boddy**, who manages the TUG office, worked on marketing, mailings, telemarketing, registration as well as Showcase; and myself, printing all of the materials, binder, CD, committee shirts and arranging meetings.

These people are the hardest working people I've ever met and worked with. When I send an e-mail at 2AM, I usually get an immediate response from a couple of them. Countless hours over the past year went into preparing for these two days.



**Mary Fitzgerald**

Other than our committee members, there are several others that are an integral part of this conference: **Ron Campitelli** worked on Showcase; **Evie Harris** at the TUG office and registration desk; **Mary Eady** at the TUG office; **Jerry Dmytrasz** and **Angela Gonsalves** volunteered at the registration desk;

**Beverly Russell** on the TUG board was responsible for the nice black carrying bags every registrant received; **Frank Cianni** from AVFX Audio Visual; **Glenn Stewart** for printing; IBM for their printers and laptops at Registration as well as their generosity when it comes

to donating their time for speaking, as always!

Besides the hard work, there is a lot of fun! On Monday night, I learned how to remove a cork after it's been pushed into an empty bottle. On Tuesday night, I learned another cork trick and the most fun was how to burn my finger with Sambucha... Thank you Vaughn!



**Tuesday: Registration**



**Charlie Massoglia**

One of the highlights this year was our Keynote Speaker, **Mr. Randall Munson**. He is an exciting, motivational speaker that you can listen to all day. He is very entertaining and magical to say the least. It was no surprise then to also see his 4PM session full.



**Monday: Last minute preparations...**



**Wednesday: Attendees at the keynote luncheon**

Photos by Léo Lefebvre and Wende Boddy

The Vendor Showcase was full of great information. Products and services were showcased from over 30 vendors. A big thank you to the vendors who donated door prizes and we hope to see you again next year; **Able-One Systems Inc., Advanced Systems Concepts, Aldon Computer Group, Applimaxx Consulting Corp., Astech Solutions Inc., Automation Associates, Blair Technology Solutions, BOSCOM, Datamirror Corporation, End to End Networks, GSS Marketing, IBM Printing Systems, IBM Lab, IBM Canada, IBS Canada, iTERA, LANSA, Magic Software, Maxium Solutions, MB Software & Consulting, Mid-Range Computer Group, Millennium Computer Maintenance, MRS Company Limited, Murcomp Information Technology, NetManage Canada, New Generation Software, Prodata Computer Services, SilverBlaze Solutions Inc., Softlanding Systems, Syntax.net.**

The prize list included a leather jacket, back packs, Palm Pilot, sweat shirts, hockey memorabilia, t-shirts, Lexmark Print Centre Jackets, laptop satchel, golf package, Blue Jay tickets, ice wine gift package, golf shirts, rotisserie, gift basket, computer bag, George Foreman grill, golf windbreaker.

The grand prize – a Digital Home Theatre donated by TUG, went to **Ms. Aba Bali** from E. D. Smith & Sons Ltd.

I hope everyone that attended had fun and would encourage those that did not attend to do so next year.

Yours in computers,  
Glenn Gundermann,  
Chairman TUG TEC 2003



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**Speakers: Randall Munson and Alison Butterill**

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**TEC's official musical entertainment, the quartet: "Bravo".**



**TUG TEC Committee – L-R: Anna Musella-Chiasson, Vaughn Dragland, Dale Perkins, Terry Dmytrasz, Eveline Gaede, Richard Dolewski, Wende Boddy, Neil Andrus, Bob Lesiw, Glenn Gundermann. Down in front: Léo Lefebvre. (Missing from photo: Ed Jowett, Alkarim Sachedina, and Ken Sadler.)**