

Solutions Beyond Limits ...



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By Glenn Gundermann, Chair – TEC2004

What's new for TEC2004? Lots! But where to start? This is the second installment of three, where I have the chance to tell you about all the great things that are happening with our 11th Annual TUG Technical Education Conference. I last gave you, in the November magazine, a broad overview of our upcoming TEC. Many things have been confirmed since then, while some things are still in the works.

While every person on our committee plays an integral part of TEC, one person who stands out is **Léo Lefebvre**. Léo is the person who arranges the TEC speakers, for both the keynote luncheon and the sessions. Most of you know Léo. He is a Vice-President of TUG, arranges the speakers for our bi-monthly TUG Meeting of Members, is the TUG Local User Group representative to COMMON, and attends every COMMON conference he can. You can see Léo at http://www.tug.ca/p_leo.html. Every time I talk with Léo, he has something exciting to tell. It's quite unbelievable at times. He is in constant communication with people at IBM Rochester, IBM Toronto and all of the other non-IBM speakers. It's amazing he gets any other work done.

We are very excited to have confirmed **Robert Tipton** as our keynote speaker. Bob is the author of "Untangling IT: 25 Years of Lessons in Effective IT Leadership", which was reviewed in the September TUG Magazine and will be on sale at our conference. Bob is a great speaker you will definitely enjoy listening to, sharing over 25 years of experience. Bob will also be giving two sessions on Day 1 you will want to attend: "Breaking Out of Your Comfort Zone" and "Life Toward 2023". You can find out more about Bob at <http://www.ibm.com>.

New this year is the Executive Breakfast. This is a great opportunity for management to receive some great insight from Robert on how to Untangle IT. A breakfast and two-hour session is perfect for the busy manager/executive to get the most out of a morning. You can register for this event as a stand-alone session, even if you are not going to the full conference.

Unfortunately, I don't have space to tell you about all of our sessions and speakers. You will want to check out our web site for full details. The two-day grid can be seen at <http://www.tug.ca/grid.htm>. Here is just a taste to whet your appetite... If you don't know that WDS stands for WebSphere Development Studio Client for iSeries, you're in luck. We have 22 sessions devoted to WebSphere! That's two rooms, with back-to-back sessions all day long, for both days. Lots of RPG IV, ILE, Security, SQL, iSeries Navigator, Linux, DB2 UDB, plus much more. We are also very excited about our lineup of speakers. Léo last reported that there were so many speakers and so many great topics, he could easily fill twice as many sessions than we have space for. We have some great speakers returning from last year, as well as some that spoke at our conference several years back, plus some new ones. **Jon Paris, Susan Gantner, George Farr, Phil Coulthard, Carol Woodbury, Alison Butterill, Troy Bleeker, Greg Hintermeister, Carole Miner, Jarek Miszczuk, Eden Watt, Mira Shnier, Garth Tucker, Chris Burns, David Muir, Robert Tipton**, plus more!

The two IBM hands-on labs are confirmed as having



"Remote System Explorer (RSE)" in the morning and "Web-Facing" in the afternoon, both with IBM's **David Muir**. There is no additional cost for these labs and transportation is provided for you. Registration for the labs will be done at our Conference Registration site at the hotel on Day 1 on a first-come first-served basis, so please don't contact the TUG office for this.

Again this year, the TEC Vendor Showcase is being held on Day 1 (Tuesday, April 20, 2004), 12:00 noon to 6:30 p.m. Lunch is provided free of charge and a cash bar will be setup towards the end of the day. This is a no-charge event for everyone, including people that are not registered for the conference and non-TUG members. Please pass this on to your co-workers and friends. Everyone will want to check out the latest hardware and software.

I will report back in the March issue. Until then remember, **eServer has IT all!**



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