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## From the president

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By the time you receive this issue of *TUGboat*, two important conferences will be over: the 11th Con-TeXt meeting in Butzbach-Maibach and GuIT 2017 near Venice. We hope to publish reports about them on these pages in future issues. Still, there will be time to register for 2018 meetings: PracTeX 2018 in Troy (NY, USA) in June and TUG 2018 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) in July. Both conferences are going to be very interesting. Kris Holmes has agreed to visit PracTeX, and lead a calligraphy workshop there. As to Rio — TUG will be a satellite conference of the International Congress of Mathematicians 2018, so expect many distinguished guests there.

The time since the last *TUGboat* has been busy. There were interesting discussions on the EduTeX list about the ways we can help teachers and other educators to use and teach TeX. I would like to repeat the call for participants: if you would like to help with TeX in schools and universities, please join the mailing list at [lists.tug.org/edutex](mailto:lists.tug.org/edutex).

One initiative worth your attention is the improvement of the L<sup>A</sup>TeX wikibook ([en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX](http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/LaTeX)). This is a first line resource for many TeX novices. Thus it is very beneficial to make it up to date, accurate and well written. If you can spare some time for checking and editing, please do.

The long time health of any organization depends on its membership. We have had several drives in recent years aimed at new individual members. Thus today I would like to talk about another part of our membership: institutional members. I am glad to report that the Association for Computing Machinery, the largest publisher of computer-related literature in the world, joined the ranks of our institutional members. It is my conviction that any organization seriously using TeX in its work should consider joining TUG, not primarily for the membership benefits — albeit we do provide several — but because it is the right thing to do. For many of these organizations: publishers, universities, research institutions, the continuing existence of TeX and its support is important. Thus giving back to the community makes perfect sense. I would like to ask our members to think whether their organization can be persuaded to join TUG.

This issue of *TUGboat* will reach you in the holiday season. So let me wish you a great holiday and happy & fruitful New Year! See you in 2018!

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