

EuroTEX 2009

In 2005 we had an NTG user meeting on one of the Dutch islands, Terschelling, which was hosted by active T_EX users at the Royal Navy. This meeting was organized so well that we didn't have to think twice when Frans Absil offered the facilities of the Netherlands Defence Academy close to The Hague and Delft for a EuroT_EX conference. We settled for 2009. As we were also up to the third ConT_EXt conference, we decided to combine it with EuroT_EX as a parallel program. Taco Hoekwater offered to organize both.

Having visited many T_EX conferences I can say with confidence that this was a real nice one. Frequent visitors at T_EX conferences agree on the fact that it is good to stay all at the same spot and keep hotel accommodation and conference facilities close together. In this case perfect catering as well as free (!) accommodation and facilities only made it even better.

Of course not all was a serious matter. We had a one-day trip around the middle-west part of the The Netherlands, which included a walking tour around the city of Delft and visiting some famous traditional waterworks, of course including windmills. We had a

nice tour around and dinner at one of the old waterline defence fortresses.

Taco did a fine job of organizing everything. He even went so far as attending the required medical training so that we could stay on the premises 24/7. I also want to thank Frans Absil and the Defence Academy for inviting and supporting the T_EX community so generously.

Hans Hagen

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