

# NTUG Annual meeting 1996

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The 1996 NTUG annual meeting was held in the beautiful old university town of Tartu in Estonia. Unfortunately, there were few attendants, but those who came, could enjoy an interesting meeting with talks on the following topics:

and their METAFONT programs in detail as well as the final font.

- Enn Saar spoke on behalf of Kalle Klauks (who was unable to come that day) on an implementation of Omega used to typeset Finno-Ugric phonetic texts. This proved quite a difficult task, as there are more than 700 different sounds that are usually noted by different diacritics both above and underneath a letter.
- Dag Langmyhr gave a talk on the particular problems encountered when using PostScript fonts and  $\text{\TeX}$  or  $\text{\LaTeX}$  to typeset text in the Nordic languages. Apart from using glyphs not found anywhere else in the world, users of the Nordic languages also face the problem that their special letters are never included in the kerning pairs provided with the fonts. Fortunately, there are now programs that can help us, and Dag talked about such programs.
- Enn Saar gave a talk on an old Cyrillic script font that he had written for the Tartu University publishing house. They needed it to print a dissertation on *kirillitsa*, an old version of Cyrillic. He also talked about the history of the Russian fonts, about METAFONT programming (which suited the job perfectly as he had to simulate a pen-drawn font). He demonstrated the most interesting letterforms