

## RIT REDUX

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Fibonacci Association members, family, and friends from 18 states and 12 countries beyond the USA borders convened at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York for the 16th International Conference on Fibonacci Numbers and Their Applications held during the week of July 20–26. It all began with a wine and cheese reception on Sunday evening where those who arrived early happily schmoozed with old friends and met new ones.

Mathematically things kicked off on Monday morning, continuing throughout the day and again on Tuesday with members enjoying a great variety of interesting and informative talks by speakers eager to share their current research topics. Tuesday evening the group filled 2 buses for a surprisingly adventurous journey to the Erie Canal where folks enjoyed a delightful evening cruise which included an experience of locks maneuvering.

Wednesday began with The Edouard Lucas Memorial Lecture presented by invited speaker, Jeffrey C. Lagarias, who provided an entertaining and very informative lecture on Fibonacci and Lucas history. He also lectured on Perfect, Mersenne, and Fermat Numbers, finishing with a variety of open problems. After a few more talks, it was off for another excursion. This time, the altered destination due to weather was The George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography and Film where several members were treated to a fascinating talk on the history of photography while viewing cameras and other equipment developed over the years. In the evening a barbeque was enjoyed indoors due to weather.

Back to mathematical action on Thursday, again with a plethora of stimulating informative presentations. That evening the conference banquet was held at “ARTISANworks” in Rochester. And what a fabulous joint that is! Art of every imaginable aspect was on display: paintings, sculpture, mobiles, op art, and cultural relics from many different eras. As an aside, one of the artists in residence did an ad hoc drawing on the cast worn by our editor’s mother. However, she was not required to become a permanent part of the exhibit!

Friday brought us to the last of the 51 dandy and often humor filled presentations prepared by 77 authors. Then some had to leave but about 35 intrepid souls were bused on Saturday to Niagara Falls where they all rode the Maid of the Mist up close and personal to the Horseshoe and American Falls, getting wet but having a good time. A few intrepid souls even enjoyed a “shower” in the Crow’s Nest! The lunch venue before the Falls was Hard Rock Cafe.

Peter Anderson and his incredibly helpful team (for the 2nd time in 16 years) deserve ultra accolades for a wonderful and memorable conference.

Sadly it was time to say goodbye to RIT but with everyone looking forward to bonjour in Caen, France in 2016.

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