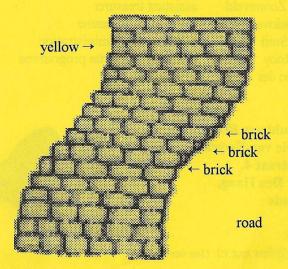


# 23rd Beneluxcon 20-22 November 1998

### SF and Fantasy convention

in the Golden Tulip Hotel in Bergen op Zoom



Progress Report 2



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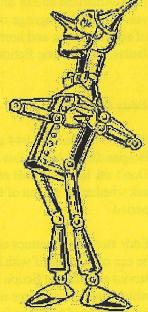


#### On the yellow brick road

After putting our overseas Guest of Honour in the spotlight, this time we introduce both of our Dutch language author Guests of Honour on the next couple of pages.

Of course after that you'll find some useful information on the programme items that may do with a bit of preparation and where we'd like your participation. And there's even a chance of lifting the tip of the magic veil that's shrouding the programme.

We also want to stress the point that we really want everyone to return the filled in hotel forms as soon as possible, together with payment for the rooms. With that in hands we can then handle all the hotel business well before the convention.



Jan van 't Ent



#### **Guests of Honour**

After American author of fantastic literature Tad Williams we present you our Dutch language celebrities: Eddy C. Bertin is a Belgian author of science fiction and horror, and Peter Schaap is a Dutch author of fantasy and historic fiction.

#### Eddy C. Bertin

Born 26 December 1944 in Hamburg-Altona of a German mother and Belgian father, but in fact he's been living all of is life in Belgium. Don't ask him after that middle initial, and perhaps you also shouldn't ask whether he's a fan of that great comedian of the silent movie period.

Eddy studied economics and languages and works at a bank. At home he can enjoy himself with his second occupation: as a writer of horror stories and science fiction he has a fantastic workplace in his attic, which doubles as a large library of some 20000 books. And in all that he's supported by his wife Yvette who also does some correction work.

Eddy's first horror stories were written at age thirteen. After that he first found his way to English and American publishers before finally his first books appeared in the Netherlands, translated back into Dutch. He wrote several dozens of books and hundreds of short stories; he also won the King Kong Award more than once, which is the predecessor of the current Millennium Prijs original Dutch short story contest. Since 1984 Eddy has been successfully writing for a younger audience.



In fandom Eddy has been active for many years. He published his own *SF Gids* (1983-1990) and worked since the start of *Cerberus* for that magazine with his own column and also taking responsibility for the quality of the stories published in the magazine.

#### short bibliography:

Iets kleins, iets hongerigs - stories - 1972 *Eenzame bloedvogel* - stories - 1976 De kokons van de nacht - with van Laerhoven - 1977 Mijn mooiste duisterlinge - stories - 1979 De sluimerende stranden van de geest - stories - 1981 Het blinde doofstomme beest op de kale berg - stories - 1983 De schaduw van de raaf - 1983 De griezeligste verhalen van Eddy Bertin - 1984 Dit huis wil bloed - 1986 Het schip uit de toekomst - 1987 De planeet van de gouden spinnen - 1988 Hekserij bij volle man - 1988 Gevangen in de video - 1989 De invasie van de Draco's - 1992 Metro van de Angst - 1992 De dertiende nacht - 1993 Bloedrode kamers - 1995 Overal vuur - 1996 Dorstige schaduwen - 1997





#### **Peter Schaap**

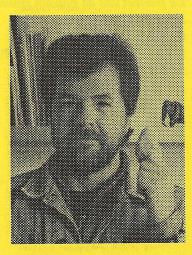
Born 24 October 1946 in Groningen. He has an education as a teacher, but didn't spend much time in the classroom. Instead he started a career as a pop singer, with a couple of hits like 'Adem mijn adem' and 'Vliegen als een vogel'.

With the writing of juvenile fiction he started a second life as a full time author with by now a resectable number of mature fantasy novels in his name. The first of those, *De schrijvenaar van Thyll* received the Eurocon Award in 1988 in Boedapest.

Peters other passion is history. He is an amateur archeologist, and besides searching for stone tools, he makes these with his own hands as well. And he can capture your imagination with many stories on ancient Egypt, the Greek island kingdoms, and as shows in his recent books, humanity in the stone age.

#### short bibliography:

De schrijvenaar van Thyll - 1987 Ondeeds de Loutere - 1988 De wolver - 1989 Kalyndra - Wolver series pt.2 - 1990 Wolversdochter - "pt.3 - 1991 De bruiden van Tyobar - 1992 Zonen van Chaos - 1993 De winter van de mammoet - 1993 Storm aan de witte kust - 1994 Ogen van ivoor - 1994 Het teken van het steppepaard - 1996 Het lied van de steen - 1998





## members as of 4 September

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28	NL	Theo Arts
64	NL	Jan van Beers
40	В	Paula van der Beken
72	В	Walter Belpaeme
GoH	В	Eddy Bertin
58	В	Yvette Bertin
34	NL	Marga de Boer
5	NL	Dirk Bontes
27	NL	Guido den Broeder
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71	NL	Erik Hammega
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75	UK	Tony Hammond
24	NL	Theo Hanou
18	NL	Hugo Harmsen
33	NL	Martijn Heitlager
12	NL	Jim Held
16	UK	Jean Hoare
15	UK	Martin Hoare
41	В	Patrick van den Hole
46	NL	Rita Hoogenstein
11	NL	Marc ter Horst
73	В	Monique Huble
69	Lux	Stefanie Jenssen
19	NL	Leo Kindt
20	NL	Remko de Knegt
8	NL	Peter Kraaijestein
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51 62	NL	Vincent Lawless
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68	NL	M.H.G. Reiners
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51	NL	Marius van Rooij
52	NL	Roel van Rooij
6	NL	Rob van Ruler
GoH	NL	Peter Schaap
45	NL	Theo Schaap
66	NL	J.P. Schaeffer
67	UK	Ken Slater
7	NL	Jannelies Smit
2	NL	Elise Somers
65	N	Bjørn Tore Sund
32	NL	Gonnie Suring
44	NL	Gerard Suurmeijer
61	NL	Szuzsanna Szulyovszky
37	NL	Angelique van Toorn
39	NL	Annebel van Toorn
36	NL	Kees van Toorn
38	NL	Lennart van Toorn
42	NL	Jan Veldhoen
3	NL	Kirsti van Wessel
74	UK	Kim Whysall
56	NL	Claire Wiemans
GoH	USA	Tad Williams
22	NL	Hans van Zonneveld



#### Programme

Of course there'll be the usual extensive programme with speeches, panels, talks, a book room, the masquerade, games, video, workshops and even a few surprises. Really, there isn't much more to be told about it at this point.

#### There's some items that already deserve your attention now:

There will be a rather special auction, for which we're asking you to donate a few nice items to be auctioned... It may not be such a bad idea to let us know which surprising specialties you are willing to make available for this event. Then the auctioneer has some time to ponder ways of getting as much money out of the pockets of possibly interested parties. You can reach him at the general contact address (see page 2), or the really determined electronic pioneers may reach him a little faster via email-address: janne.smit@wxs.nl

Now don't you forget about one of those very 'Vogon' poems for that highly regarded contest? As mentioned in the previous PR, put down your, um, artful work on paper and send it to us; of course we do need to have enough entries for the competition. The more the sooner the better! As a final resort scribbles can be handed in until 21 November 10 am (Saturday morning) at the registration desk.

And also don't forget to read the next couple of pages, and to fill in (copies of) the relevant forms, and to mail those as soon as possible. For those who prefer to use a 'badge-name' different from the name in the membership list, can also pass on this information on one of those forms or simply on a separate note to the convention.

#### predator pray

Writing this on September 2nd, registration for the Quest is closed now, and yes, again we're not playing NeXuS. The number of registrations was too low, but for now we're not disclosing who joined. This has to do with the way we've set up the alternate game. By the way, that has the working title of 'Predator Pray'.

Just like two years ago it's an audienceparticipation game. That means: At registration you can get a Fair Game badge, and wearing such a badge means you may get involved in the game. Of course there will also be a flyer available with the game rules.



Contrary the previous years' practise we shall *not* play continuously. The opening times of the 'control-room' will be clearly published,

and these will dictate the times that play is open. Naturally we will take into account the times of the other major programme items.

See you at BozCon! On behalf of the 'Fair Game Collective' Lex van Rooy

Contact address Fair Game Collective: Lex van Rooy, Melanendreef 22, 4614 GK Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands email: l.vanrooy@keni2so.nl



#### fan-market

Besides the commercial book room (which will also offer an interesting selection of other items) there will be an opportunity for fans to trade their own books, where we intended to go by the rule that this will have to be less than a dozen books. Because there appears to be more of an interest than we initially expected, we're forced to forget about the simple "take it along and put it on the fan market table" policy, and you'll have to fill in the form below and mail it in if you'd like to take advantage of this sales opportunity.

Mail the filled-in form to: Contact address *BOZ-CON*: Annemarie van Ewyck, Obrechtstraat 4, 2517 VT Den Haag, Netherlands via e-mail: vantent@few.eur.nl (Jan van 't Ent) or by fax: +31 70-3561215 (of Rogecon BV)

#### Space reservation fan market

name: first name:
address:
city: postal code:
country:
phone: e-mail:
<ul> <li>I already registered for <i>BOZ-CON</i> (obligatory).</li> <li>I'll take care of the placing and selling of my books myself, and if necessary the removing of my books afterwards.</li> <li>I intend to bring along books.</li> <li>I'll be there the whole weekend / just on Saturday /.Sunday</li> </ul>
date: signature:



#### masquerade

On Sunday afternoon we're organizing our traditional Masquerade where you can enact your favourite SF or Fantasy character, or simply design your own fantastic act.

Of course it's best to bring your carefully prepared costume, but there also will be an opportunity on Sunday afternoon to put something together on the spot. (Taking along cloaks or scarfs, vacuum cleaner hoses or space helmets is of course heartily cheered.) Even if you're not all that sure about it, and if you have lots of questions; don't hesitate to contact Annemarie van Ewyck at the contact address below – she will be more than happy to help you out.

(Mail this form to BOZ-CON, Annemarie van Ewyck, Obrechtstraat 4, 2517 VT Den Haag, Netherlands.)

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Registration form Masquerade (BOZ-CON 22 Nov..'98)



#### hotel rooms

The rooms in the convention hotel are fairly priced, but the Golden Tulip Hotel in Bergen op Zoom not being overly large, we can only offer shared rooms there. There's also a chance, if you only want to reserve a room for the Saturday night, that we'll have to relocate you to another nearby hotel. Make sure to send in your reservation in time! We'll handle reservations in order of received payments.

A shared room in the convention hotel costs f 66,-- per person per night, to be paid in advance to the convention Postbank giro account number 2373031 in the name of: NCSF-conventions in Den Haag, with mention of: Hotel room *BOZ-CON*; or by EuroCheque in Dutch guilders (abbr. NLG) in the same name.

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