



# ALBACON II

34th ANNUAL U.K. SCIENCE-FICTION CONVENTION 1st-4th APRIL 1983

## BID REPORT 1

This is the first Bid Report for Albacon II, intended to be the 1983 national UK Easter Science-Fiction Convention. It is to be a four day event, stretching from Easter Friday through to Easter Monday 1983 (1st - 4th April) and, in addition, may see even the Thursday preceding and Tuesday following the Convention absorbed into the general tide of Albacon II.

Albacon II is to take place in the Central Hotel, Glasgow. A station hotel, the Central offers vast function areas and comfortable bedrooms, and - by the time of Albacon - it will be well used to SF Conventions, having hosted Glasgow's Faircon in 1982.

The organising Committee for the Albacon II Bid is firmly committed to providing a Convention that will be attractive to *all* SF enthusiasts, ranging from the regular attendee right down to the first-timer. We will have a series of Programmes packed with items

intended to cater to all tastes. Needless to say, Albacon won't be a media con, but will instead draw from the long traditions of Eastercons past.

Many of the Committee were associated with the first Albacon, and are thus well suited to draw on their past experience of successes and failures in order to make 1983 an Eastercon to remember. In addition, as mentioned above, the staff and management of the Central Hotel won't be approaching the subject cold either, as they'll have Faircon under their belt before tackling Albacon II.

We want to make the 1983 Eastercon a roaring success, and will include as many worthwhile ideas from other events as possible. We'll have a Main Programme, Alternative Programme, Video Programme, Computer Room, Wargaming Room, Art Show, Fan Room (with private bar), large Book Room, and as much else as we can

cram in!

The Albacon II Committee won't be paid in any fashion for their activities, and will not have their Hotel bills paid by the Convention. We will pass on a proportion of any surplus monies to the following Eastercon, and will publish both our Accounts and a formal Albacon II report. We'll hold a Business Meeting during the course of the Convention. We seek aid and advice from all sides and are willing to accept assistance from any source. So if you want to help, let us know; you're welcome!

### Guest of Honour

We will have at least one Guest of Honour, and more will be revealed in our second Bid Report. We will have a Fan Guest of Honour in addition to our Guest(s) of Honour.



### The Central Hotel

Built at the turn of the century, the Central offers roomy public rooms plus huge and comfortable rooms. It sleeps 303 guests in a variety of types of room, and offers cut-rate accommodation in many of its bedrooms. All bedrooms have Telephone, Radio and TV, and all but forty have their own bathrooms. Rooms without bathrooms are at a considerably cheaper rate.

#### Room Rates are:

Single with bathroom per night	£20.00
Twin with bathroom per night	£17.50 each
Single without bathroom per night	£17.00
Twin without bathroom per night	£15.00 each

THESE RATES ARE FULLY INCLUSIVE OF BREAKFAST, SERVICE AND VAT. Should the VAT rate be raised then an adjustment may be required to these figures.

A deposit of £5.00 will be required with bookings, and this will not be refundable.

The public rooms of the hotel are very attractive. The main Banqueting Hall (site of the *Main Programme*) is 102' x 45' and seats 600. Both the halves of the Kintyre Suite seat 225 people, and



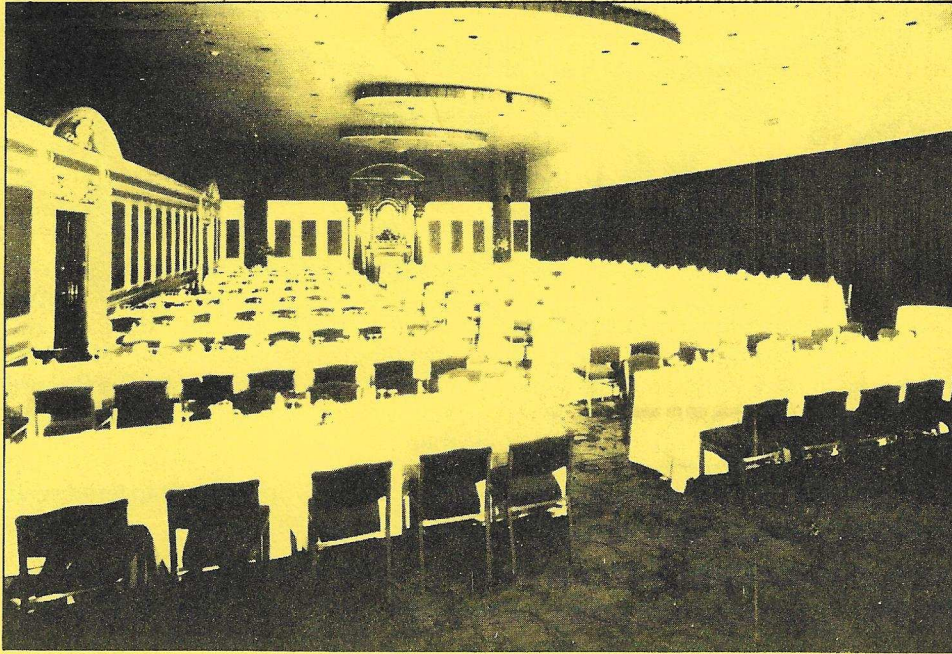
Kintyre Suite

these will be our *Alternative* and *Video Programme* sites. Next to them is found the Carradale Room. With an

area of 1400 sq ft it represents a major improvement on other *Book Room* locations to date. The Arran Room with space for 100 is the *Fan Room*, adjoining it is the *Montrose Room* in which a private bar will be located. A series of rooms adjoining the *Fan Room* will have the *Art Show*, *Computer Room*, and a *Wargaming Room*. Other areas are available also, should we find a need for them. The Central Hotel can readily house an Eastercon with over 1,000 attending members.

The Central is a handsome yellow sandstone building forming part of the city's Central Station. In general it is freshly decorated and of comfortable proportions, being much like a cross between the *Metropole* in Brighton (Seacon '79, Channelcon) and the *Station Hotel* in Newcastle (Tynecon '74).

Cheap Hotel accommodation is available very near to the Central. In addition we will have the *Ingram Hotel* as our overflow hotel (with the same rates as the Central Hotel). No overflow Hotel will be over five minutes walk away from the Central. B & B and Hostels are available, and if required we



Banqueting Hall

will make suitable arrangements for even the most penurious.

### Transport

Glasgow is easily reached by road, rail and air. It lies on the main rail routes from the south, and we will be offering a reduced fare deal with British Rail which will lower prices by 30% off the standard return. A variety of Big City Saver fares are also available to Glasgow.

Limited car parking is available at the Hotel (within the station) and there are NCP car parks within a few hundred yards.

### Publications

Albacon II will publish three Progress Reports in July, November and February before the Convention. Each will be photo-typeset and will be to the same standard as the Faircon '81 and '82 Progress Reports. As well as information about the Convention, the PRs will serve as an open forum for articles and discussion relating to the Eastercon and to fandom at large. They'll have 12 pages (3 A4 sheets) and run to around 5,000 words plus each time.

Albacon will publish a Programme Book at the Convention, plus various other minor items. The Programme Book will again be photo-typeset and will contain articles, reviews and contributions from as far afield as possible. We may publish a separate Bibliography of our Guest of Honour.

After Albacon we will produce a formal Report. This will contain articles about Albacon II and a full financial report. It will be distributed as widely as possible considering available funds.

### InVention

If we run the 1983 Eastercon Bid then in late 1983/early 1984 we will again organise a Convention at the Ingram Hotel. Called *InVention*, it will be a more fannish, less organised event than either Faircon or the Albacons and will afford everyone an opportunity to heap praise, congratulations and free drinks on the shattered remnants of the Albacon II Committee. More details of *InVention* in later PRs etc.

### Public Meeting

The Manager of the Central Hotel has suggested that there be a meeting at the Central of all interested parties. Naturally, we realise that you might not be able to attend, but for those of you who can we can offer a chance to see around the Hotel in advance, and to make known any proposals or contributions you may be able to provide. The Public Meeting will be on Monday 5th October at 7.00 p.m. For more details ring BOB SHAW on (041) 334 6874.

We'll also solicit aid and comments at various Conventions, and hope to hear from you. Help is very welcome, and if you want to get involved then you'll be warmly received.

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Scotland.  
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Day Accommodation	Conference capacity	
Banqueting Hall	102' x 45'	600
Kintyre Suite	81' x 44'	450
Carradale Room	50' x 28'	140
Clydesdale Room	28' x 21'	50
Douglas Room	18' x 18'	50
Montrose Suite	36' x 17'	35
Arran Suite	50' x 19'	100
Night Accommodation		
211 bedrooms	Singles	Doubles/Twins
303 beds	123	81



