



Edinburgh's First Science Fiction Convention

FEBRUARY 4th-6th 1983

guest of honour ; Harry. Harrison
fan guest of honour ; Pete Lyon

RA CON is Edinburgh's first science fiction convention, and will take place over the first weekend in February 1983, the 4th to the 6th, in the Grosvenor Centre Hotel. The programme will include films, panels and discussions, and in addition there will be a limited alternative programme to cater for minority interests, and hopefully a video programme. For those more interested in the social aspects of Conventions, the hotel is well-supplied with bar space, and there will be room for display of fanzines and other fan activity. Those seeking to lose themselves in war-games for the weekend will also find space available. There will, of course, be a Book Room, where SF dealers will be offering their wares, and an Art Show for display of both professional and amateur work.

Guest of Honour is leading author Harry Harrison (The Stainless Steel Rat and Deathworld series, and more recently Homeworld and Wheel-world), well-known to Convention-goers as a dynamic personality who will help to ensure the success of any Con. The fan artist Guest of Honour is Pete Lyon, renowned both for his painting skills and for his fanzine work.

RA CON is being organised by FORTH, the Edinburgh SF fan group, and the committee includes Chris Anderson, Hal Broome, Jim Darroch, Phil Dawson, Mitch Hunter, Keith Mitchell, Euan Morton, Andrew Rose and Owen Whiteoak.

The Grosvenor Centre Hotel is centrally located, just two minutes from Haymarket Station, and within easy reach of shops, restaurants and snack bars. For those wishing to stay in the convention hotel, room rates have not been finally agreed, but preliminary negotiations indicate that they will be inexpensive. Full details will be available for Progress Report 1, to be produced by next Easter.

Full attending membership costs £7, and supporting membership (which entitles you to receive all convention literature, but not to attend) costs £3.50p. These prices will be subject to increases in summer 1982 and February 1983, so join now to take advantage of these prices. Pre-supporting members have until 1st July 1982 to convert to supporting or attending membership and still receive their £2 discount.

ADVERTISING RATES

Progress Reports:

Professional - £16 per page - part pages pro-rata

Amateur or fan - £10 per page - part pages pro-rata

Programme Book: to be announced

All copy should be supplied camera-ready, size A4 with allowance for borders, suitable for reduction to A5. Any special processing required will be charged extra at printer's rate plus 20% surcharge.

Deadlines: PR1 - end of February 1982
PR2 - end of May 1982
PR3 - end of September 1982

All correspondence regarding advertising should be sent to:- Owen Whiteoak, top flat (left), 112 Polwarth Gardens, Edinburgh EH11 1LH.

Book Room: prices for dealers' tables to be announced

Art Room: artists wishing to display should send details of their requirements to:- Andrew Rose, 2nd flat, 19 Catchcart Place, Edinburgh.

Any enquiries regarding RA CON or FORTH should be addressed to:- Phil Dawson, 4/7 New John's Place, Edinburgh (phone 031-667 5151)

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RA CON membership form

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Prices in effect until
1st July 1982

..... attending memberships at £7.00 each

..... supporting memberships at £3.50 each

Cheques etc payable to
RA CON please

..... attending memberships at £5.00 each
(discount for pre-supporting members)

..... supporting memberships at £1.50 each
(discount for pre-supporting members)

Signed

Children under 10 attend free, provided they are under the care of parent or guardian. Those up to 16 attend at half-price. (ages as at February 1983)

Membership forms should be sent to:-

Chris Anderson
Membership Secretary
RA CON
77 Baron's Court Terrace
Edinburgh
EH 8 7EN

Receipts will be returned with Progress Report 1 (Easter 1982).
Anyone requiring an immediate receipt should enclose an sae.

If you feel you can help with RA CON in any way, and particularly if you live in the Edinburgh area, please feel free to contact us. Offers of advice and help in the running of RA CON, sponsorship or financial aid will be gratefully accepted.

RA CON logo by Pete Lyon

Supporting membership entitles you to receive all convention literature. Attending membership entitles you to all literature and attendance at the Con.