

The first issue of High Tide had a very limited print (oh, well, photocopy) run. It went to the agents of Holland in 1990, and to a few science fiction news magazines. Now High Tide has expanded: we want to keep the presupporters of the international Worldcon bid informed of our progress. Here we are, then, with news of our doings in Holland, and abroad, for the 1990 Worldcon.

Bidding for a World Science Fiction Convention

One of the most important things of the bid procedure besides promoting the bid is the actual voting. Since there is some confusion about that procedure, we thought it would be important to point out to our presupporting members how this works. Without your actual participation in the voting, it is impossible for us to win the bid.

Membership of Conspiracy

It is not enough to take a presupporting membership for Holland in 1990 – you have to get somewhat more involved with this scene. In order to be able to vote for the actual site of the 1990 Worldcon, you first have to become either a supporting or an attending member of the 45th World Science Fiction Convention in Brighton, England. Such memberships are available from the organizing committee of the 45th World SF Convention (write them with a self-addressed envelope at Conspiracy '87, PO Box 43, Cambridge, 1 3JJ, United Kingdom.) When you are member of this World SF Convention, known as Conspiracy '87, you will receive a ballot with which you can vote for the 1990 Worldcon site.

Voting-fee

If you vote, you will be asked to pay a voting-fee. You can either vote by mail (if you are a supporting member) or in person at the convention. The money you pay as a voting-fee goes to the bid that

wins the election. Usually, this money also buys you an attending membership. It has been the habit lately that whoever wins the bid honors the votes cast to the opposition by giving (supporting) memberships.

This guarantees that your good money is not lost. It is the only way that YOU can determine where the 1990 World Science Fiction Convention will take place. So, gear up with us for the grand finale in Brighton, buy a membership for Conspiracy '87, and vote for us. We need your votes and with your help, we will win the bid. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you all in Brighton for the voting – and after that in The Hague for a New Worldcon in the Old World.

Kees van Toorn, Chairman of the Holland in 1990 Committee



Holland in 1990 - The Mouse that Roared

High time High Tide puts all of you in touch with current developments regarding the Holland in 1990 bid. Although, current... might as well call it a torrent, the way pre-supporting memberships are coming in. At last count they numbered 400. Those are mostly British, Australian, Canadian, US and Dutch fans, since we haven't properly started on the rest of European fandom yet. There is, of course, a method in this madness; we wanted first to sound out far-away fandom. We would look a trifle silly, after all, hosting an international Worldcon and seeing only local fans... International to us means truly international. More of the ways and means we will employ to ensure the international flavor in later issues of High Tide and, Voters permitting, our progress reports.

Of Mexicon and Boskone

Since you heard from us last, our Flying Dutchmen and Dutchwomen on the Committee have been jauntering all over world, visiting conventions, suitcases filled to the bursting point with Dutch flags, posters, flyers and some lovely freebies for our members. And fans flocked to our banner, not only for the free bheer, but also to swell the ranks of our helpers. Larry van der Putte, holding the fort at Mexicon on his own, was succoured by Ian Sorensen and Colin Fine, our British agents. At Boskone, Vicky Winslow and Robert 'Ozzie' Osband turned up and gave Kees and Angelique van Toorn invaluable help, not the least of which was driving the Van Toorns around and providing transportation for the party supplies. It is hard to get around in the USA if one lacks wheels! The Boskone Committee contributed a comfortable amount of goodies (a 'party seed' to encourage fans to throw more parties, and to make them of a better quality) and con-workers turned up in force at our Sunday night Dead Dog Party to sample Dutch delicacies like Heineken ('lovely'), Dutch gin - known as jenever ('interesting'), and Advokaat, a superior kind of eggnog ('heavenly'). Our relaxa-party approach went over very well and Kees and Angelique brought back oodles of memberships.

Of Albacon and KLM

At Albacon, in Glasgow (Scotland), our bidding party on Sunday night was another experience not to be forgotten soon by many an attendee, since for one thing it went on till after five in the morning.

Regardless, our desk was manned early the next morning by a full team: Kees, Angelique, Larry, and Jeroen Nijenhuis. The mouse-and-cheese (designed and drawn by Marvano and Len de Vries) came out of the woodwork and adorned chests wide and small, and many a lapel, too. Lapels also sported the joyful little adhesive tulip. Presupporters got a pair of tiny wooden shoes that came from the Dutch Tourist Board which is very much behind the bid. KLM, the national airline and official carrier for the convention, presented the comittee with the gorgeous picture flyer that many people have already commented on. Not to be outdone, on the home front the newly-appointed mayor of The Hague had extended a gracious welcome to the convention-to-be in a very gratifying letter to the committee.

Con(ventional) Site

On a more sober note, the provisional contract with the Nederlands Congresgebouw (the Netherlands Congress Center) is now duly signed. The staff of the Congresgebouw is very enthusiastic about the whole project, and not at all put out at the prospect of seeing thousands of weirdos invade their premises. After all, they are used to the yearly invasion of easily as many jazz-freaks from all over the world, coming to the North Sea Jazz festival. Having looked in on two of them, the committee did no see much difference between the behavior of jazz fans and sf fans – except possibly in program attendance... Our congenial Congresgebouw seems just as fully prepared to meet the 1990 Worldcon as the committee are.

Getting into Gear

Of course there's more than travelling being done. A convention is a fannish affair all right, and should mean fun and fun and FUN... But setting it up ought to be tackled in a professional way - as other conventions have shown us. So we're getting organized NOW, never mind not knowing whether we will win the bid, or not. The officers charged with programming, functions, finance, administration, publicity and agent relations have already drafted their preliminary plans and in some cases even started on details of implementation. Which is as it should be. We are also closely studying progress reports, program books and especially con reports on former conventions, to find out which problems we may have overlooked, and which are the usual bugs that are sure to rear their ugly little heads.

If we swat them now, we'll have our hands free for all the UN-usual problems that sure as sure will emerge after 1987.

Be seeing you in 1990!

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VIRGINIA NELSON 3552 Colfax Avenue South Minneapolis MN 55408 Some things have been constructed for just one purpose. The International Congress Center at The Hague seems to have been built just for a World Convention. It is directly linked with the international airport Schiphol by highway and fast trains. There is the city of The Hague within reach, and of course, the international resort of Scheveningen with its beautiful beaches.

THE CENTER

The Center itself is more than ideally suited for any World Convention. The Main Hall, named after H.R.H. Prince Willem-Alexander, has room for over 2,000 people. It can be converted into a concert hall (in other times our famous Residency Symphony Orchestra delights its audience with music) an auditorium or a theater. Thus the Main Hall is ideally suited for the more spectacular events, like the Opening Ceremony. the Fancy Dress Parade (otherwise known as the Masquerade), and the Hugo Ceremony. An excellent closed circuit-TV installation links the Hall with all other floors and halls.

A HOST OF HALLS

On the same floor you'll find half a dozen other halls, ranging from 120 to 500 visitors, plus a cinema theater. One floor up is the Main Hall's balcony, and another four halls, one of them specially equiped for smaller theatrical productions. And in the basement we have another two halls available (enough to entertain a 1,000 more visitors), with a spacious bar. And, of course, numerous smaller rooms to set up various meetings, bidding parties, etc. Again, most halls are served by public speaker system and closed circuit-TV.

CENTRAL MEETING POINT

By far the most spectacular is the grand foyer, spreading over three floors, opening up to all halls and meeting rooms, which are never more than a hundred yards away from each other. It's the ideal meeting place for all fans and visitors, it has a lot of space to argue, but also quiet corners, bars and coffeeshops.

SPECIAL SERVICE

The Center has an ample parking area, and can be reached easily by public transport. Special amenities are provided for disabled and handicapped people (adapted washrooms, elevators, loop systems for those with hearing aids, etc.). Video-and filmfacilities (both 35 and 16 mm) are available. For dealers and hucksters (and people with large equipment) the Center offers excellent inner transport facilities straight

from the parking areas under and next to the building.

IN SHORT

All the facilities to have a successful World Convention are at hand. The two largest hotels are practically next-door, most of the others are at walking distance, or reachable by public transportation. Also, hotels on the continent usually include breakfast in their prices, and prices are comparable with US hotels.

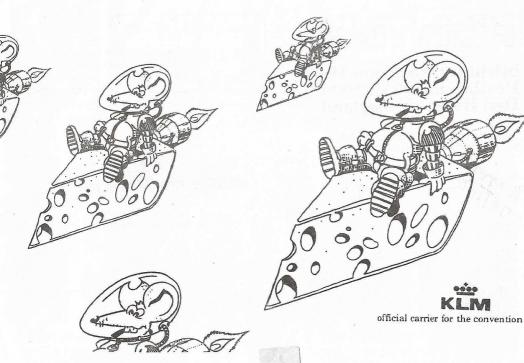
In the same neighbourhood you'll find the Frederik Hendrik shopping arcade, banks, postal office, and lots and lots of restaurants catering to every taste and purse.

Our public transport system swiftly takes you to the beaches of Scheveningen, or straight to the historic center of The Hague and her two main railway stations.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT THING

The staff of the the Hague Convention Center is very enthusiastic. They have experience with all sorts of conventions, exhibitions, shows and entertainment (as the famous annual North Sea Jazz Festival, four jazzy days with over a 12,000 people a day), but until now not with a Science Fiction World Convention. And they are eager to add this experience to their already impressive list...

Johan-Martijn Flaton



Wooden shoes and Cotton t-shirts

Some fans really believe that Holland is the place for the 1990 worldcon. They had so much faith in us that they gave us money before we had anything save our name to give back.

Don't Panic ... Get Your Button!

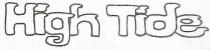
That's now changed. Annemarie has already mentioned in an earlier article that we have goodies like buttons with our brave mouse sailing in front of our slogan 'Don't panic – Holland in 1990!' on a field of red, white and blue. Or little wooden shoes to hang beneath the button. Or even t-shirts, for which we do have to ask for money, pity. We'll be giving out the buttons and wooden shoes to presupporting members of Holland in 1990 at the conventions where the Dutch committee members themselves can be present, either at parties or at booths set up near the registration desk. Be sure to look for us if you don't have your button or your wooden shoes yet.

We'll meet you at...

We know a fact that at least one committee member will be attending the following conventions: Confederation, in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 28
August - September 1986; Perry Rhodan Weltcon,
Saarbrücken, Germany, 6-7 September 1986; Boskone, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, 13-15 February 1987; and of course Conspiracy '87, Brighton,
England, 27 August - 1 September 1987. Currently
on our 'possible' list is - Coloniacon, Cologne,
Germany, 14-15 June 1986; Ballcon, Zagreb, Yugoslavia, 10-13 July 1986; Science Fiction Club
Deutschland Jahrescon 1986, Saarbrücken, Germany, 25-27 July 1986. Still others can be added,
and there are always the conventions covered by
our agents, where you can convince a friend to
take a supporting membership.

T-shirts coming up...

T-shirts are available in various sizes. They can be picked up at conventions where you can get your buttons and wooden shoes, or you can order them directly from us for \$10.00 US, £6.00, or f25.00, return postage included. The t-shirts are 100% cotton, so no matter how hot it gets, you'll be comfortable declaring your support for Holland in 1990.



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