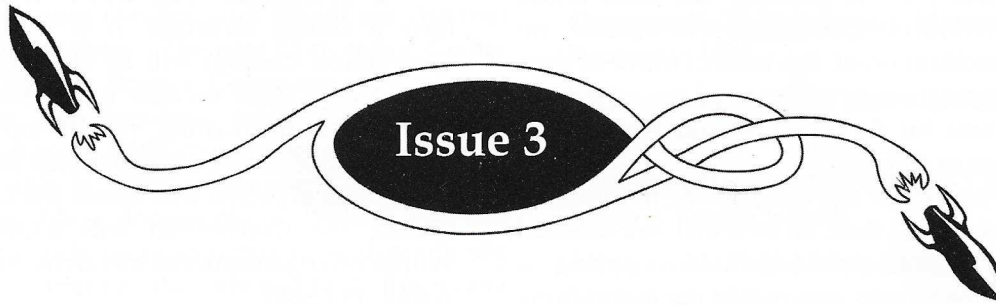


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The newsletter of UK in 2005 – a European WorldconSM bid for GLASGOW.



UK in 2005 Bid Files Early!

The UK in 2005 Worldcon Bid is pleased to announce that we have officially filed bid documents with The WSFS Division of ConJosé. This is a technical requirement of the WSFS constitution. James Briggs checked the documents at MilPhil and confirmed that they are in order. See inside for more details.



ConJosé, the 60th World Science Fiction Convention
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KIM Campbell & Vincent Docherty, Co-Convenors
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1 September 2001

Dear KIM and Vince:

I have reviewed your bid filing papers for the **UK in 2005** Worldcon Bid and find that they meet all of the requirements specified by the WSFS Constitution. Accordingly, on behalf of ConJosé, the 60th World Science Fiction Convention, and as administrator of the 2005 Worldcon Site Selection, I formally accept your bid as valid.

Sincerely,

James Briggs
Administrator, Site Selection
ConJosé, the 60th World Science Fiction Convention

JB:kas

The Morning Constitutional (and afternoon and evening and late night one, too)

The UK in 2005 Bid recently implemented a new organisation based on a written constitution.

In part this was to satisfy the filing rules of the site selection process in the WSFS constitution, which requires that we publish "the rules under which the Worldcon Committee will operate, including a specification of the term of office of their chief executive officer or officers and the conditions and procedures for the selection and replacement of such officer or officers."

Another reason for the change was to formalise what had been, until then, an informal, self-selected group of "subscribers" who were paying a subscription fee to help ensure that the bid to bring the Worldcon back to the UK is successful, but without necessarily committing themselves to running the convention itself.

The structure is headed by the Executive Board. The Board has the ultimate responsibility for the bid and the convention but no day to day involvement. It drives the bid and convention by appointing and ratifying key officers. A subset of the Board members will also be Directors of the company that will need to be set up for accounting. The Board will provide outside and visible accountability for the people who are running the Bid (and the Convention) on a day to day basis. The Board has three officers - Convenor, Treasurer and Secretary, and a number of other members. See our separate staff list for details.

The operational Bid organisation will be led by a Chair who will be supported by a hierarchical structure of officers and staff. The concept of the Operational Bid Committee has been kept distinct from the list of key officers, although in practice the two groups are likely to have a high degree of

overlap. This is because the Committee may include people who have a key overall input to make to the Bid, but do not hold a specific officer's role.

The operational Convention organisation will have a similar structure. It is assumed that the Convention Chair(s) will be supported by one or more Vice Chairs because it is necessary to have sufficient staff "floating" at the top level to deal with the size of the organisational structure lower down. It is expected that below the Chair and Vice Chairs, the Convention will adopt a standard Worldcon organisational hierarchy, with Divisions, Areas, and Staff.

Again, the Operational Convention Committee will be kept distinct from the list of key officers, although again in practice the two groups are likely to have a high degree of overlap. As with the Operational Bid Committee, it is considered too restrictive to simply identify the Convention Committee with the list of Division Heads.

Relation of Board and Committees

It should be emphasised that many people will be double or triple hatting between Board, Bid Committee and Convention Committee roles. This is not surprising as it is to be expected that there is a core group of people who are driving the practical bid process and who are likely to go on to hold key positions on the convention. Nevertheless, the formal remits of the three organisations, and their roles in ensuring the final success of the convention, are quite distinct, and it is therefore quite appropriate that they should be clearly distinguished in formal documents such as the Constitution.

Merchandise Available!

At last! After an exhausting search for the right merchandise at the right price, the UK in 2005 Worldcon bid is pleased to announce that we have t-shirts (and other goodies) available for you to buy. Some of you will have seen this excellent stuff at MilPhil, but we have more variety available now. Watch our website for developments including an e-commerce site.

While stocks last we will have, in both black and ecru (unbleached; white for aprons):

- ◆ T-shirts in sizes from S to XXXL (\$12/£ 8);
- ◆ sweatshirts in S to XXL (\$20/£ 13);
- ◆ tote bags (\$12/£ 8);
- ◆ cookery aprons - one size (\$20/£ 13) .

Our website has the designs on show and once we get it set up you will be able to pay by credit card via paypal or similar. There will be a \$2/£ 1.50 P&P charge and the merchandise will be mailed out to you.

Some merchandise may be available at our bid parties and bid desks but our wide spread of activity means this won't be universal, we're afraid.

Friends of the bid are entitled to a free t-shirt or tote bag. They may also pay the difference (\$8/£ 5) and upgrade to a sweatshirt or apron. If you haven't already had your friend gift or requested a specific size/colour, please contact us on merchandise@uk2005.org.uk.

UK05 at MilPhil

One of the great delights of working on the Membership Desk at Cons is the chance it gives you to talk to people.

The bid has been very well received. Not only are people excited about maybe coming to the UK in 2005 but our choice of date (4th to 8th August) means that more families with school age children can plan to be there. The new Convention Centre and the Glasgow Science Centre are seen as great pluses too. We may have more ceilings than we know what to do with! (No chance of that, really!) We were able to show commitment to the bid by getting our filing documentation (which you can view at the web site) submitted to next year's site Selection committee. We only had to do this ninety days before the vote at Con José, so we are well in advance of the deadline there. The other place we get to talk to people is at our parties. Here we introduce fans to the finer points of tea, single malt Whisky and real cheese. The Whisky is a given for a UK bid, but tea is an innovation brought about by the strange licensing laws in Baltimore. There we couldn't serve alcohol, so opted for tea

The cheese for this year's party came down from Canada, as we weren't allowed to bring it over from Europe. Last year we had one party night, which we ran with the help of the Norwegian fans. This year, they had a UK05 party of their own. European Night featured Aquavit, for those strong enough to take it. It will come as no surprise to Brit fans, who have been to the Norwegian Friendly parties at Eastercons, to hear that the Norwegians won the Party of the Night Award on the Saturday of MilPhil. Congratulations to them for throwing one of the most enjoyable parties of the convention. We are very glad they are a part of the Bid.

As you will see from our increased membership numbers we had a solid year of pre-support sales and a large number of new, or upgrade, Friends of the Bid. Welcome on-board. Our new merchandise also went down very well, leaving us with only a few XXL ecrue t-shirts left at the end. Don't worry, though, as more t-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags with our Rennie Mackintosh-inspired designs will be available. Check out our website or ask one of our agents for details.



Cons to join us

Confusion, January 2002, Warren, Michigan, USA

Arisia '02, 18-20 January 2002, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

Boskone 39, 15-17 February 2002, Framingham, Massachusetts, USA

Concave 23, 22-24 February, Horse Cave, Kentucky, USA

Millennicon 16, 22-24 March 2002, King's Island, Ohio, USA

Eastercon/Helicon 2, 29 March - 1 April 2002, Jersey, Channel Islands

Minicon 37, 29-31 March 2002, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

Norwescon 25, 28-31 March 2002, Seatac, Washington, USA

Dort.Con, 13-14 April 2002, Dortmund, Germany

Balticon 36, 24-27 May 2002, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Baycon, 24-27 May 2002, San José, California, USA

Wiscon 26, 24-27 May 2002, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

DeepSouthCon 40, 14-16 June 2002, Huntsville, Alabama, USA

ColoniaCon 15, 22-23 June 2002, Köln, Germany

Midwestcon 53, 28-30 June 2002, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

InConJunction 2002, 5-7 July 2002, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

Westercon 55, 4-7 July 2002, LA Airport, California, USA

Readercon 15, 13-15 July 2002, Burlington, Massachusetts, USA

Libertycon 16, 26-28 July 2002, Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA

Conglomeration 2, August 2002, Clarksville, Indiana, USA

Worldcon (ConJosé), 29 August - 2 September 2002, San Jose, CA, USA

UK05 Membership Breakdown by Country

Country	S	F	P	Total	Country	S	F	P	Total	Country	S	F	P	Total
Australia			20	20	Germany		2	11	13	Romania			2	2
Austria			1	1	Ireland			5	5	South Africa			2	2
Belgium		1	1	2	Japan		2	10	12	Spain			1	1
Canada		2	38	40	Malaysia			1	1	Sweden		2	30	32
Channel Isl.			1	1	Netherlands	1	2	21	24	Switzerland			1	1
Croatia			1	1	Norway	1	3	23	24	Ukraine			2	2
Finland			10	10	Poland			4	4	UK	8	20	140*	168
France			3	3	Qatar			1	1	USA	2	114	799	915
										TOTAL	12	148	1125	1285

Key: S = Subscriber; F = Friend (\$90/£60); P = Pre-Supporter (\$20/£13);

* UK Pre-Supporter figure includes 4 Pre-Ambivalent

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