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# CONTROLL

## BENELUXCON 2008



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NOVEMBER 21-23, 2008  
PARK PLAZA MANDARIN HOTEL  
EINDHOVEN, NETHERLANDS

GUESTS OF HONOUR:

EDITH ERI LOUW  
PAUL MCAULEY

FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

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# ConTroll Escape?

## A word from the Chair

It was to be expected. When you show up at the Dutch SF&F conventions regularly, and you even start to do program items: one day you end up as organizer of a con. Completely voluntary, with a laser gun pointed at your head, you stammer 'er, yeah?' when they ask you whether you'd like to organize a convention for a change (because otherwise you won't have anything to do next November).

May I heartily recommend: our very first home-made con: ConTroll. Warm, cosy, ever so slightly rancid, noisy, crazy for good food and good company. With a brilliantly neurotic side to it and a hang for senseless conversation. Controll No Escape.

Heidi van der Vloet

## Introducing: the con committee

Chair

Heidi van der Vloet

Finances & Memberships

Erwin van Ballegoij

Publications

Jan van't Ent

Program

Gisela Hoekwater

Dealer's Room

Ad Oosterling

Advisors

Kirsti van Wessel &

Jim Held

Children's Program

Katja van den Doel

& Peter Scharloo

*Controll is organized under the auspices of the Nederlands Contactcentrum voor Science Fiction (NCSF).*



## Guests of Honour



### Edith Eri Louw

Edith is the author of 2 Dutch-language fantasy novels: *Raven's imperium* (2001) and *De Bron* (2006). Both stories take place in the same fantastic world. Besides fantasy she also wrote a series of children's books about horses (Ponyhof). Edith gives writer's workshops and also enjoys working with horses a lot. According to her, she never became a writer, but always was one.



### Paul McAuley

Paul has already written a great number of novels. His first novel, *Four Hundred Billion Stars*, won the Philip K. Dick Memorial Award, and his fifth, *Fairyland*, won the Arthur C. Clarke and John W. Campbell Awards. His latest novels are *Players* and *Cowboy Angels*, both published in 2007. Paul used to work as a research biologist in various universities, and for six years was a lecturer in botany at St Andrews University. Paul is now a full time writer of science fiction and science thrillers. He lives in North London.



# The Program

## Fact & Fiction, Fun & Games

A number of classic program items cannot be missed:

- Speeches, panels, and signing sessions with the guests of honour.
- The video program.
- The banquet on Saturday evening: **please join early, by filling out the registration form.**
- The children's program.
- Vogon Poetry: **we're still looking for jury members and the usual 'priceless prizes'.**
- Instant Masquerading workshop: **please join by filling out the registration form.**
- A well-filled dealer's room.
- Real and slightly less serious science.
- SF quizzz.
- Live Role Playing: **please join by filling out the registration form.**
- Filk: **we have lady singers, but who's going to play us a tune?**

If you have some good ideas for the program, or if you're willing to take part, please email us at [controll@ncsf.nl](mailto:controll@ncsf.nl).



# Registration Form

name: .....

address: .....

postcode:.....city: .....

country: .....

email address: .....

telephone: ..... badge name: .....

An attending membership costs € 50 until May 1, 2008. After May, 1 2008 it will be € 60. A supporting membership costs € 25, and this can be upgraded to a full attending membership at any time for the price difference at that time. A child membership costs € 25 (for children from 7 until 18 years of age, provided they are accompanied by an adult with a full attending membership).

For a child membership please provide the birth date: .....  
 as well as the name of the adult companion:: .....  
 who also needs to sign the registration form.

- I do / do not agree to my (first / badge) name to appear on the website
- I do / do not want to participate in the role playing game
- I do / do not want to enter the masquerade workshop
- I do / do not want to participate in the filk
- I do / do not want to join the banquet (Saturday evening 19:00 hours), which costs € 29.50, for children € 14.50

I'll pay the amount due, a total of €....., into Postbank account 2373031 in the name of NCSF-conventies, STROE, mentioning ConTroll.  
 (payment from abroad: IBAN: NL65 PSTB 0002 3730 31 BIC: PSTBNL21)

Signature: .....

Send this form to:

*ConTroll*  
 De Rogge 6  
 5384 XD HEESCH  
 Netherlands

# Hotel Reservation

Hotel reservations will be passed on to the hotel by us. You pay at the con to the hotel reception. Supplying your credit card information guarantees the hotel reservation.

name: .....  
address: .....  
postcode:.....city: .....  
country: .....  
email address:.....  
telephone: .....

Room price:

- A. Shared two person bedroom € 54.50 per person per night, incl. breakfast, excl. tourist tax (i.e. € 109.00 per room per night)
- B. Single bedroom incl. breakfast, excl. tourist tax:€ 89,00

My reservation:     A     B     (circle your choice)

In case A: I'd like to share my room with:

.....

OR: I haven't found a room mate myself, but would prefer to share a room with a: (male / female) (snorer / quiet sleeper)

I am a: (male / female) (snorer / quiet sleeper) myself  
(strike out what isn't applicable)

Special wishes:

Arrival date: .....

Departure date: ..... (= ..... nights)

Type of credit card: .....

Credit card number:.....

Expiry date:.....

The reservation can be cancelled free of charge until 24 hours before arrival.

Send this hotel reservation form to:

ConTroll, De Rogge 6, 5384 XD HEESCH, Netherlands

# The Location

## Park Plaza Mandarin, Eindhoven

The convention hotel is the Park Plaza Mandarin, a 4 star hotel in the centre of Eindhoven, near shops, bars, restaurants, etc. The hotel offers stylish rooms with good facilities. The hotel sports an indoor swimming pool and three saunas. Those who like oriental food can choose among three different restaurants in the hotel.

The hotel is at walking distance from the railway station and can also be reached by car. Behind the hotel is plenty of parking space. And finally, Eindhoven Airport is only 20 minutes away.

Note that as of July 1, 2008 smoking is prohibited in het hotel.

## The Rooms

For visitors that want to stay overnight, ConTroll offers rooms in the hotel for reduced prices, if booked through the convention.

The room price is € 109.- for a 2 person room per night, with the option to share the room and share the cost. A single room costs € 89.- per night.

These prices include a breakfast buffet, but don't include the tourist tax (€ 3.50 pp. pn.). Please let us know when you want to share a room, but haven't found a suitable roommate yet. We will try to arrange that for you if you supply some information (m/f, quiet sleeper).

Parking behind the hotel costs € 7.50 per car per day.

### Park Plaza Mandarin Hotel

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Balder  
Brechtje  
Dirk  
Eckhard  
Edith  
Emma  
Erwin  
Eya  
Frank  
Frank  
Gies  
Gonnie  
Heidi  
Henk  
Ilse  
Jan  
Jan  
Jim  
Johann  
Katja  
Kirsti  
Larry  
Lodewijk  
Marcel  
Marianne  
Martijn  
Martijn  
Myranya  
Pascal  
Paulus  
Peter  
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Ray  
Ronlof  
Ronja  
Simon  
Sue  
Thomas  
Wilma

