

BID FACT SHEET 1

METROCON

For the '83 Eastercon!

A group of London area fans under the chairmanship of Dave Langford are bidding for the 1983 Eastercon. The bidding committee are experienced and enthusiastic convention organisers and hope to stage a convention to match the best ever put on in Britain, combining innovation with the best traditions of British cons. Our philosophy in organising the convention is to provide for sf enthusiasts of all types, from the traditional fan of written sf and the fannish socialite to the film, TV and video sf enthusiast. We do not intend to restrict knowledge of the convention to those already in fandom. Although the committee have their roots in traditional sf fandom, their experience and interests span the whole range of sf, from films, video and computers to professionally published writing. We share the traditional amateur approach to convention organising, do not intend to have our hotel expenses paid by the convention, and intend to keep membership rates as low as the convention can afford: hence our flexible policy on membership rates, which we are holding steady until December 1st 1982 at their base rate. We intend having agents both in North America and in various European countries, as we believe in promoting contacts with European fandom.

Venue & facilities

We are in an advanced stage of negotiation with two possible hotels in London, one on Piccadilly and one in the Earl's Court area. Both hotels (one modern, one in the classic mould) offer superb convention facilities, with a main programme hall seating at least 500 and total function room space of over 11,000 sq.ft. in each hotel. Both hotels also sleep at least 500 people, and have offered rates which compare favourably with those available anywhere in the country for similar events, never mind those venues with the excellent cultural, culinary and communication facilities of London close by. There are so many eating places close to both hotels that we reckon convention members could have one establishment each; and of course many of them are among the finest in the country.

We have not finally committed ourselves to either one of these two facilities, as negotiations are continuing to bring you the best possible deal on bedroom rates.

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PRESUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I would like to become a presupporting member of Metrocon. I enclose £1.00 which I understand will be discounted from my convention membership if Metrocon wins the bid.

Name..... Address.....

Cheques payable to "Metrocon", please.
Send to: Ian Maule, 5 Beaconsfield Rd.,
New Malden, Surrey KT3 3HY.

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Travel

Both our possible hotels are easily reached by road, rail, bus and air. Both are within one Tube ride of most major British Rail stations, as well as Heathrow Airport. Don't forget the recent massive reductions in Tube and bus fares which make local travel in London incredibly cheap. Come to London and take advantage of metropolitan ratepayers! Cheap deals are also available by rail. Apart from BR's own Big City Savers, which are particularly cheap for return travel into London, we intend to negotiate a reduced fares deal similar to that which was so successful for Seacon '79.

Membership rates

We want to keep membership rates as low as possible, so we will be announcing these as soon as the convention site is finalised and we have completed the resultant budget calculations.

We are also seeking presupporting members of Metrocon at £1.00, which will be deductible if we win the bid; see below for details.

Publications

We will produce a total of three Progress Reports evenly spaced through the year. As well as full details about the convention and all the usual features, we will have a letters and suggestions column: your ideas are welcomed. The Programme Book should be a rather special publication, given the writing and publishing talents and experience of the committee and the thought and care we intend to put into it.

Bidding Committee

The adjoining skills matrix does not by any means list all those who will eventually be involved in the convention, but does list the bidding committee and the jobs they will do for the convention. We are an experienced committee with a good track record for organising cons (Seacon, Tynecon, Skycon, Beccon, Novacons) and have worked well together on various things for 10 years, starting with the Oxford SF Group in 1972 for some, and going right through to the current BSFA, with which most of the committee are involved.

To support our bid

Presupporting memberships are available at Novacon and various subsequent gatherings, as well as by post from:

Ian Maule,
5 Beaconsfield Road,
New Malden,
Surrey KT3 3HY.

Send £1.00; cheques payable to "Metrocon." Presupporting members receive a badge as well as our subsequent publicity between now and Channelcon, and our first Progress Re-

port if we win the bid. The £1.00 is deductible from your actual convention membership if we win the bid.

Most importantly, to support our bid vote for us in the 1983 site selection session at Channelcon!

Offers of help, advice and comments will be most welcome. Correspondence other than presupporting memberships should go to:

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Reading,
Berkshire RG2 7PW.
Tel. (0734) 863453.

Name	Dermot Dobson	Martin Hoare	John Harvey	Rob Jackson	Dave Langford	Ian Maule	Joseph Nicholas	Kevin Smith	John Stewart
Job	Security, technical	Hotel Operations	Fan Room	Publications	Chairman	Registrations	Auctions	Hotel: Treasurer	Films, video
Age	29	29	33	31	28	29	28	28	25
Worldcons organised	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eastercons organised	1	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	-
Other cons organised	-	2	-	3	2	1	2	1	1
Faned/contributor	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fanzines produced	-	2	23	18	75	70+	32	21	-
Conventions attended	18	33	19	30	26	32	20	21	6
Overseas cons att.	-	5	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
Worldcons attended	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1
Novacon regular?	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Years in fandom	10	10	8	10	10	11	7	10	4
Real Ale lover?	+	++	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Glasses? (intellectual)	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+
Offences (inc. motor)	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Radio amateur?	G8SIN	G8VWJ	-	-	God, no!	-	-	-	G8NWT
Professionally published?	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-
Deaf?	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Overweight?	under protest	+	Not by 83!	+	-	-	-	-	-