

② MPA CON '73

HOTEL
BOOKING
FORM



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IT'S GOING TO BE A GRAND CON

How can it fail to be, we are at Bristol and the Hotel (you guessed), is the Grand.

Bristol's Grand Hotel is situated on Broad Street (which belies its name), conveniently close to the town centre, almost next to the river and surrounded on all sides, within walking distance, by the rail and bus stations, parking facilities, the main shopping complex, a bowling alley, ice rink, theatre, cinema, slot palaces, numerous churches and a multitude of cafes and restaurants some of which must suite every taste. Included in our final OMPAgress should be a map should be a map showing many of these, together with a guide as to whether the various eateries are likely to be open on the Sunday.

The Hotel is of the four star class with all that this implies and highly suitable for our purposes. Not having been erected during the last decade the rooms are quite large, those we saw comparing favourably even with the ones this year at Chester, while in addition to sheer size most have not only private baths but also individual television sets. They were not dealing with a Con, of course, but the staff attitude was also very good when we were there, again I would venture so far as to class it with that of Chester, can more be said.

Perhaps if I am to make boasts it should be of the actual Convention facilities, which must be far and away the best ever for a British Science Fiction Convention. We have a main hall, naturally, but what a hall - the Hotel calls it, with justification, a ballroom; 36 feet wide and almost 70 long it will seat up to 350 people, since we don't really expect that number to attend, though it would be nice, you should all have plenty of leg room. In addition to this auditorium there is a conveniently sized stage for the speakers and a balcony where we hope to put the projection equipment, this will not only prevent latecomers from silhouetting their way across the screen but should also allow us to leave the equipment in situ throughout the Con, an important time saver. A seperate room will be used for meals, including the Banquet, so there will be no delay while the hall is cleared and re-set either. We shall have use of the Hotel's lounge areas and, in addition to

everything else, the Duchess Suite; this room is the same size as the Ballroom, divides into two or three as needed and will provide ample space for the book dealers, the art exhibition and anything else that turns up.

HOTEL BOOKING FORMS

In OMPAggress 1 I promised booking forms by the end of October, if no rush of enthusiasm occurred. Since this report has been somewhat delayed I've decided to get enthusiastic, the forms are enclosed - ah! what vitality.

On several occasions I have said that those who joined early would have first chance at booking hotel rooms. Sending the forms out early will help to accomplish this and giving priority to the replies of members do the rest. However, others must have a chance too so the period during which the forms from those already members are given precedence will be restricted. When dealing with bookings, priority will be given to members, providing their forms are received before the date shown at the top of them and that all those for whom accomodation is being reserved are either already members or have included their fees with the forms. I'm not going to guarantee that you will all get the rooms you want, obviously if everyone asks for a particular type we shall run out but, if you are already a member and return the completed form by the date given, I will guarantee you a place in the Con Hotel. Second priority will be given to those who join when this report goes out and book at the same time, being dealt with on the basis of first come first served. Since I have no idea of the numbers involved here I obviously can't guarantee Con Hotel rooms to everybody in this category but, since the Hotel is a bigger one than usual, those who return the forms quickly should stand a good chance. People who send them back late will not be given any priority, you have a month so anyone left in this position will have only themselves to blame.

DON'T DELAY, BOOK TODAY

Confirmation of all bookings arriving by 14th October will be sent individually, within six weeks of receipt; those which come later will be confirmed when OMPAggress 3, scheduled for January, is sent out.

However modest your collection, it requires the special attention we alone provide.



Send your wants-list to:-
Phantasmagoria Books,
8 Colwell Rd., London.
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CONVENTION MEMBERS as at 1st September 1972

FROM OMPA

Gerald Bishop	Jan Jansen (B)
Jean Cheslin	Terry Jeeves
Ken Cheslin	Sam Long (A)
Lisa Conesa	Mike Meara
Jane Coombe	Pat Meara
John Coombe	Darroll Pardoe
Michel Feron (B)	Rc Pardoe
Jim Godiard	Brian Robinson
Fred Hemmings	Paul Skelton

FROM THE GREAT WORLD OUTSIDE

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| 1. R. Gray | 29. Jeffrey D. Hacker |
| 2. Ken Ladie | 30. Keith A. Walker |
| 3. Gary Kluepfel (G) | 31. Vernon C. Brown |
| 4. Uschi Kluepfel (G) | 32. Mark Adlard |
| 5. Brian Burgess | 33. Arthur Cruttenden |
| 6. Howard A. Rosenblum | 34. Peter Darling (Aus) |
| 7. Mario B. Bosnyak (G) | 35. Hartley Patterson |
| 8. Jhim Linwood | 36. Brian J Hampton |
| 9. John D. Roles | 37. Lars Strandberg (S) |
| 10. Jacques Guidod (F) | 38. Richard Newnham |
| 11. Andrew M. Stephenson | 39. Peter Mabey |
| 12. Cas | 40. Ted Tubb |
| 13. David Grubb | 41. Stanley Eling |
| 14. Peter L. Dowson | 42. Helen Eling |
| 15. Hans Loose (N) | 43. John Newman |
| 16. Phil Rogers | 44. Ken Bulmer |
| 17. Doreen Rogers | 45. Al deBettencourt (A) |
| 18. David A. Kyle (A) | 46. T. P. Hogan |
| 19. Ruth Kyle (A) | 47. Vic Mallett |
| 20. Norman Shorrock | 48. Tony Edwards |
| 21. Ina Shorrock | 49. Marjorie Edwards |
| 22. F. John Steward | 50. Roger Peyton |
| 23. Pete Wilde | 51. Arline Peyton |
| 24. Hazel Reynolds | 52. Dave Rowe |
| 25. Pauline E. Dungate | 53. James Blish |
| 26. Horst Evermann (G) | 54. Judy Blish |
| 27. Holger Muller (J) | 55. Graham R. Poole |
| 28. P. N. Weedahl | 56. Bill Burns |

Convention members cont:

57. Eric Bentcliffe
58. John Piggott
59. Jim Marshall
60. Peter Weston
61. James White
62. Peggy White
63. Tony Moran
64. Keith Freeman
65. Wendy Freeman
66. Sam J. Lundwall (S)
67. Ted Ball
68. Ethel Lindsay
69. Nigel Haslock
70. Bob Shaw
71. Tony Rogers
72. Christine Priest
73. Graham Andrews
74. Eddie Jones
75. Marsha Elkin
76. Pete Presford
77. Roy Mortimor
78. Chris Burse
79. R. Milner
80. Dave Gibson
81. John Eggeling
82. Steve Moore
83. Stan Nicholls
84. George Hay
85. Brian W. Aldiss
86. G. M. Webb
87. Anne Keylock
88. Joanne Burger (A)
89. Jill Adams
90. Rob Holdstock
91. Gerd Hallenberger (G)
92. Thomas Schluck (G)
93. Eva Reisch (G)
94. Bram Stokes
95. Diane Stokes
96. Bob Rickard
97. Harry Harrison (A)

98. David Sutton
99. Sandra Sutton
100. David Riley
101. Tony Walsh
102. Simone Walsh
103. Peter Roberts
104. Meg Palmer
105. Alexander Brown
106. Helen Brown
107. Kenneth Mardle
108. Peter Barrow
109. Diane Barrow
110. Ella Parker
111. Roland Pierot (F)
112. Kevin W. Hall
113. Roger Waddington
114. Archie Mercer
115. John G. Cole
116. Peter Colley
117. Ake E. B. Jonsson (S)
118. J. Michael Rosenblum
119. Betty Rosenblum
120. Tony Sudbery
121. Rodie Sudbery
122. Ingrid Olofsdotter (S)
123. Bryn Fortey
124. Richard E. Colton
125. Roger Earnshaw
126. E. R. James
127. Lisbeth Chandler
128. Christopher Chandler
129. Moira Read
130. Roy Sharpe
131. Joan Sharpe
132. David A. Symes
133. Angela North
134. David Berry
135. Margaret Hodgson
136. Graham Mills
137. Diana Mills
138. Bernie Peek
139. Tony Craven
140. I. G. Bengry

Yes, the bracketed letters do mean:-

A - America	F - France
Aus - Australia	G - Germany
B - Belgium	N - Netherlands
S - Sweden	

MEMBERSHIP - SAVE 25p

It's very nice to be able to say we have such a lot of Convention space available in the Hotel, it means we can easily cope with a bigger and, we hope, better Easter gathering than has yet been seen. However, that calls for you people out there to both join and come, we're not the biggest yet by a long way - though membership figures could be a lot worse. The immediate target is 250 people of at least Associate status before Christmas and since we now have over 150 this should be possible.

Having a lot of people support a Con by taking out Associate membership is, of course, vital, however, a desire to know the number who will actually attend must loom large in the minds of any organising Committee. The simplest way to get an idea of this is to start things off early; which is why I said at least Associate member status, we want everyone to gain Full membership early. Full attending membership will be £2, as it was last year, which means another £1.50 for those who are already Associate members: however, as an encouragement to early payment, we will allow a reduction of 25p on this (which may not sound much but could quite easily cost us £50), providing you send the money quickly. This reduction will be available to each member for a short period only, to take advantage of it you must get the money to me by the date shown in that section of the booking form, despite any postal delay that may occur.

ART, BOOKS and AUCTION

The organisers of these have now moved, all requests for information, offers and contributions should be sent to:-

MIKE AND PAT MEARA, 61, BORROWASH RD., SPONDON
DERBY, DE2 7QH.

THE COST OF A CON

Everyone is obviously interested in how much things are going to cost so the Committee decided it would be a good idea to publish the prices of as many things as possible the trouble is that with almost eight months to go and prices skyrocketing in all directions it's almost impossible to get firm figures. Because of this and lack of space I am only attempting to cover items appearing on the booking form this time, even they must remain rather vague in some cases.

Room and Breakfast - this will be under £4 per person per night, which compares with the normal charge, at present, of £5.91 and even this will rise again before the Con with the introduction of V.A.T. This and any other increases will not be included on your accounts with regard to rooms.

Full Board - will be about £7, per person per night.

Banquet Tickets - these will not exceed £2.25 each but due to uncertain prices the menu has already had to be changed once and it is impossible to be more accurate.

Car Parking Facilities - we have been promised a reduced charge but as the 1973 rates have not yet been worked out it is impossible to say what the final charge will be.

Cots and High Chairs - cots will not cost more than 60p per night plus V.A.T., we have no prices as yet for the use of high chairs.

ADVERTISING ? - YOU'VE BEEN GAZUMPED!

Unfortunately we've had to increase the prices given last time, though those already in hand will be charged at the old rate. The new prices will be £3 for a full page in an OMPAgress (and pro rata), fans at half price; Booklet either £4 or £5 on the same basis, this is still very cheap and it's just not economic to do it for less. Ads to GERALD BISHOP, 10, MARLBOROUGH RD., EXETER, DEVON, EX2 4TJ

This has been OMPAgress 2 from FRED HEMMINGS, 20, BEECH RD, SLOUGH, SL3 7DQ, BUCKS - to whom all fees should be sent.