

# NOVACON 4

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Welcome, Welcome, Welcome. Novacon 4 is going to be bigger and better and different.

~~Novacon 4 will take place on October the 25th, 26th and 27th as promised at~~  
Novacon 3. In this way we hope to see a contingent of Californians who are coming over to attend the MENSA conference on November 2nd & 3rd. It has another great advantage, since it gives you another hour for your money. We claim to be the only science fiction convention to give you more entertainment and more time.

Ken Slater will be GOH this year. Ken is known today mostly for his excellent SF book service. But older fans will remember that Ken Slater and Doreen Rogers were largely responsible for saving the BSFA from oblivion in the mid 60's, even older fans will remember Captain Slater of the Rhine Army who ran operation Fantast from a nissen hut in West Germany. He also ran the highly successful Peterborough Con of '63.

Our plan is to have more films than previously because we have found that lots of people like to take their entertainments passively.

We are going to put films on at the same time as several other programme items, they will probably each be played 3 times with a very accurate time-table so that people can watch those they wish to see. Amongst the goodies will be the Czech cartoon 'Attention' and the Manchester Groups 'Breathworld'.

The Hotel will again be the Imperial Centre Hotel in Birmingham. Talks have taken place with the management to try to prevent any repetition of the discourtesy and inefficiency shown at the last con; probably we will have a buffet rather than returning to a banquet style meal.

Nearly all of you, of course, have already registered. Additional registration fees of 50p for any friends, acquaintances, wives or dogs should be sent to:

Robert Hoffman,  
44 Middleston Hall Road,  
Kings Norton,  
Birmingham.30.

The price of admission will be only £1.50 for two days, and we have decided to provide a reduced rate ticket for 75p for either day. In the past only Sunday has been charged in this manner, but we thought that many people especially students might be interested in coming on Saturday rather than Sunday; other people might like to dip their toes in to see if the water is OK.

There will once again be a bookroom so that lots of people can help make Roger Peyton a millionaire.

Dr. Jack Cohen, Chairman.

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Other items of interest:

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The NOVACON award the NOVA will again be presented by the GOH to the editor of the best British fanzine.

It has been decided to have five judges this year. They are:

Jim Linwood, Greg Pickersgill, Ina Shorrocks, Andrew Stephenson & Keith Walker.

All well known names in fandom. A nomination form is enclosed. PLEASE FILL IT IN. The NOVA is an important award, and the only one given for fanzines in this country.