



The Truthzine of ConAdian, the 52nd World Science Fiction Convention

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Hugo award winners

Novel: *Green Mars* by Kim Stanley Robinson

Novella: *"Down in the Bottomlands"* by Harry Turtledove

Novellette: *"Georgia on My Mind"* by Charles Sheffield

Short Story: *"Death on the Nile"* by Connie Willis

Non-Fiction Book: *The Encyclopedia of Science Fiction* edited by John Clute and Peter Nicholls

Dramatic Presentation: Jurassic Park (Universal)

Professional Editor: Kristine Kathryn Rusch

Professional Artist: Bob Eggleton

Original Artwork: Space Fantasy Commemorative Stamp Booklet, by Stephen Hickman

Semiprozine: *Science Fiction Chronicle*, edited by Andrew Porter

Fanzine: *Mimosa*, edited by Dick and Nicki Lynch

Fan Writer: Dave Langford

Fan Artist: Brad W. Foster

Campbell Award: Amy Thomson

Aurora, English: *Nobody's Son* by Sean Stewart

Aurora, Francais: *Chronoreg* par Daniel Sernine

ConDigeo Award: *Passport to the Universe*

Dealers' Room Difficulties

One reason there were so few books in the Dealers' Room is that, for non-Canadian dealers, the customs broker arranged for by ConAdian lost his bond (for this convention only). Further details are unavailable at press time. For both Canadian and non-Canadian dealers, there was no drayage available, meaning that shipping books (or other goods) in advance of arrival was infeasible.

For the Birds

The Wizards of the Coast people were seen looking for a recording of a hawk to play in the concourse, to drive away those recordings of birds that were driving them nuts.

Badges? Badges? We Don't Need...

Registration badges for people who arrived Thursday are ready now. You must have photo identification in order to collect them, and you cannot collect a badge for someone else (like, say, your granddaughter), even if you are the Guest of Honour.

That's Not Money You're Spending, It's Red Tape

Organized childcare is available for the price of \$14/day (unfortunately, it isn't available evenings); however, there is a slight \$30 "handling charge" required by ConAdian.

What would a Worldcon be without hotel problems?

When Alan Stewart (DUFF winner) tried to check in at his hotel he found that no such room existed. He was finally given a room by the tech crew, who had been given more free rooms than they needed.

When the people holding the Philadelphia in 2001 party arrived, they were given a suite on a quiet floor. (It was explained to them that this was because they had young children; their response was "You never heard our children!") Fortunately, due to quick thinking (and screams of "You can't hold a party there!"), they were able to get their room changed to one in which they were permitted to hold the party for which they originally got the room.

It seems that just about every bid has had trouble getting their party suite; it isn't clear why.

And where is the CFG suite, anyway?

Tax Alert

Your receipts must contain a GST number to get a tax refund at the border. Some dealers don't have them.

Wanna Buy a Worldcon? (The Movie)

There are rumors of an attempt to buy a Worldcon. Any coincidence between this and a Worldcon bid being run by a for-profit convention thrower is, well, a coincidence.

The Official, Accept No Substitutes, Dana B. Siegel Party Report

The problem with starting at the top and walking down is, now that everybody else uses that method, you keep running into the same people at all the parties. This isn't an advantage; when they're people you want to talk to, you stop and talk at the first party you run into them at. Otherwise, you just keep running into them. I recommend starting at the bottom and walking up: not only will you meet different people, but the load on the elevators will be lessened, and besides, most of fandom needs the exercise anyway.

Starting at the top of the Sheraton, the Chicago '00 party represents the start of yet another Chicago bid, with some good ideas. They're distributing trading cards of various authors, one at each party; they also have a raffle for prizes, at midnight, which only presupporters can enter. It all seems a little familiar, but it worked last time. The Continuity 2000-1 bid (twin cities that are in different zones, bidding for a 370-day Worldcon) party was indistinguishable from a standard Baltimore '98 party; perhaps that's because they were in the same room. The Baltimore party had its standard pirate theme, but the Captain Morgan rum was less in evidence than usual, perhaps due to difficulties in transporting it across the border. The cryonics party was dead when we arrived, but we were reliably informed that it had been frozen, and will be revived at a future Worldcon when technology permits. Dawn Frefen once again led us to ask why it seems that all Libertarians rant. Antarctica '99 was an excellent party, especially considering that the people running it had no prior experience. If you missed it, you made a definite mistake. The Australia party had clothed koalas, for only 50% more than naked ones. By the time we arrived, the Boston in '98 party was starting to fade, especially the gorgeous hostess, who was the next thing to passed out. But then, falling asleep at your own party is an old fannish tradition.

At the Place Louis Riel, St. Louis and San Antonio were going strong (as can only be expected from the current bidders). Both were extolling the wonderfulness of their cities, facilities, and committees. Most other parties in the PLR had closed by this point, but the Dead Dragon Inn on the 4th floor was still going strong (indeed, was scheduled to continue until 6 AM).

The New York in '95 party asked us not to reveal their location, so we aren't including them in the ordered part of the listing. As usual, they win the award for the best party, with great food (especially the gourmet chocolates), excellent drink, and interesting conversation. I was so distracted I never did get to ask them what they were bidding for. The CFG suite was also its usual excellent self, despite the difficulties they's had in arranging for the space.

Is This a Real Worldcon?

Alternate Worldcons (edited by Mike Resnick) is available in the Dealers' Room. It might not be apparent that 2107, the year of the last convention storied in the book, is also the total number of site selection votes cast in 1991.

More Worldcon Rumors

Tim Illingworth denied the rumor that the 1995 Worldcon would be dry.

Kees van Torn was heard talking about bidding for 1998.

Intersection will be giving "Special Committee Awards" (not Hugos, even if they look alike); there was some talk that these will be for "Best Bagpipes".

Airline Free Ticket Drawing

There is a drawing for a free airline ticket, open to all fans who flew in on the official airlines of ConAdian. Bring your ticket showing segments on both Northwest and Air Canada to Information, so they can photocopy it and enter you in the drawing. The winner will receive a free ticket on Northwest, good for travel in all 48 states and Canada.

Consumer Alert

The condoms (available at the Information desk) had been lost in space for 3 days; due to possible radiation-induced decay, please test them before usage.

What Party?

The Sheraton attempted to close down a noisy party until they learned that the party they were searching for was actually a problem created by a noisy Coke machine, that rattled as it dispensed cans.

Wrong Place at the Wrong Time

"We can just play a game of cards or something while this is going on." - The author autographing next to Fred Pohl and Anne McCaffrey.

Know Thyself

The original artwork for Steve Hickman's Space Fantasy stamp, owned by the U.S. Postal Service, cannot be returned via U.S. mail. The Postal Service insists that it be sent by UPS instead.

Warning to Satanists

Customs doesn't like people who practice alternative methods of worship, or even appear to, or just dress in black a lot. You're much better off trying to look mundane when you cross the border.

Restaurant Reviews

Shangri-La (the so-called Chinese restaurant in the Concourse) has been the subject of a number of comments from convention attendees, ranging from "If you're an aficionado of the form of American Chinese food known as chop suey, order the Kung Pao Chicken" to "The only thing worse than the food is the service, and vice versa."

d'8 Schtove is a Mennonite restaurant, approximately an \$11 cab ride away. It's worth it. Good service, and excellent food make it a clear winner. It's at 1842 Pembina Highway, 275-2294.

Hotel Room Rates

Some unfortunate people were unable to reserve rooms at the special rates negotiated by ConAdian, and were forced to take rooms at the hotels' normal rates instead. A sampling of those rates: the Best Western charged \$46/night; the Charterhouse \$53; the Sheraton \$65; and the Holiday Inn was the most expensive, with rooms going for \$71 (or \$81 with breakfast for 2 included).