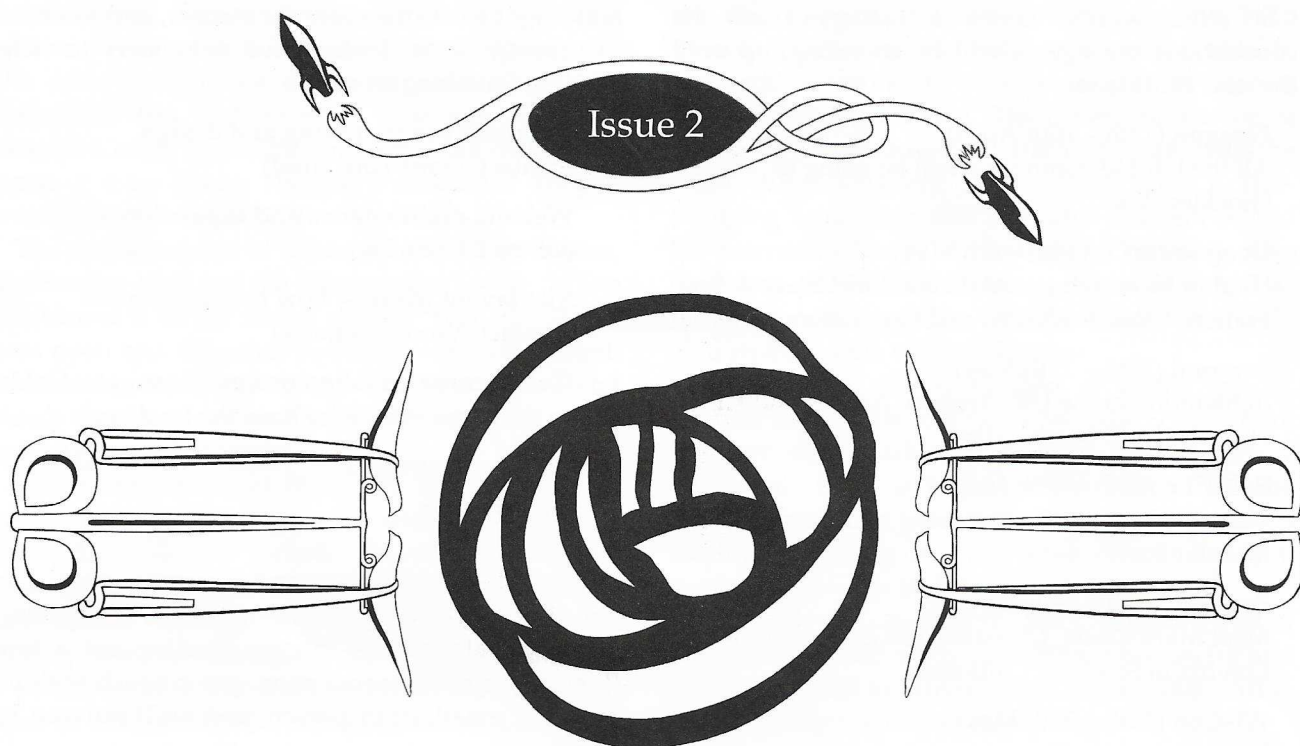


ONCE MORE, WITH CEILING!

The newsletter of UK in 2005 - a European WorldconSM bid for GLASGOW.



UK in 2005 at Paragon

by Andrew A Adams

As a bid for a WorldconSM to be held in the UK, we obviously pay close attention to the largest con held in the UK: the Eastercon. This will be the next to last Eastercon before the vote. As such we will be making strenuous efforts to engage more UK fans in the bid, and to address some of the concerns British fans have previously expressed concerning the effects a UK worldcon might have on British fanac outside the convention.

As part of this we are producing a (very initial draft of a) planning document detailing how many people will be needed at what stages of the bid and convention, and what resources have to be expended in the UK. Feedback on this is very much sought. We are already recruiting more people in mainland Europe and elsewhere in the world than perhaps any other convention, and we intend to continue doing so, while retaining a British and European flavour to the bid and, we hope, the convention.

Specific events planned for the Paragon weekend are:

A staff meeting with people already involved in the bid, on Thursday.

Running a bid table, where you can pre-support the bid or upgrade to a Friend membership. If you get this Newsletter at Paragon, that's probably where you picked it up.

Helping with the Norwegian Friendly party, and borrowing their party to take more memberships :-).

We will also be recruiting people to help out. As well as the usual on-going stuff, publications etc. we will be recruiting for some specific projects, including one to discuss site layout for giving a Glasgow WorldconSM a British Fannish aspect.

We also plan to have fun! We hope you have fun, too.

A bid for the 2005 World Science Fiction ConventionSM.

SECC & Moathouse Hotel, Glasgow, Scotland, 4-8 August 2005

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Goosey Goosey Gander...

...whither shall we wander? Portland and Swindon and in the Philly Marriott!

In other words, here's a listing of all the conventions our agents will be attending, up until the next Worldcon:

Paragon (13th – 16th April)

All the UK bid committee will be going to Hinckley, UK.

DeepSouthCon (4th – 6th May)

Held in Birmingham, Alabama. Meet Steve & Sue Francis, Vince Docherty, and Guy Lillian there.

Second (25th – 27th May)

In Swindon in the UK; Andrew Adams and KIM Campbell will be attending.

BaltiCon (25th – 28th May)

Halmer Haag will be travelling to Baltimore, Maryland.

BayCon (25th – 28th May)

Meet Mark Olson, Christian McGuire, and John Lorentz in San José, California.

WisCon (25th – 28th May)

Joyce Scrivner will represent us in Madison, Wisconsin.

MidWestCon (22nd – 24th June)

Go to Cincinnati, Ohio to meet Steve & Sue Francis, Mark Olson, and Joyce Scrivner.

WesterCon (5th – 8th July)

Mark Olson, John Lorentz, and Christian McGuire will be going to Portland, Oregon.

InConJunction (13th – 15th July)

See Steve & Sue Francis in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Construction (28th – 29th July)

Most of UK bid committee will be attending this conrunners' con at an as-yet-undecided location in the UK.

ConGlomeration (10th – 12th August)

Held in Clarksville, Indiana; Steve & Sue Francis will be there.

Millennium Philcon (30th August – 3rd September)

Everyone meet up in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania!

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Volunteer!

We're still looking for everyone we can find to help out with all aspects of the bid. Many hands make light work; the more the merrier, and so on...

Currently we're looking for volunteers to help with the following areas:

Database programming and design

(contact: Bjørn Tore Sund)

Website maintenance and expansion

(contact: Colin Harris)

Site layout ideas – how to use the space

(contact: Vince Docherty)

GoH recommendation process (to suggest GoHs to the committee, who have the final say).

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So whether you're interested in running parties or bid desks, planning the programme, suggesting Guests of Honour, or simply handing out a few fliers at your local convention, get in touch with us by letter, email, or in person, and we'll put you to work.

Offices and Officers

Who does what (but with no attempt to explain *why...*)

Cabinet Office (Committee)

KIM Campbell & Vince Docherty

Office of the Exchequer (Finance)

Vince Docherty & David Cooper

Scottish Office (Site & Glasgow Liaison)

Vince Docherty & Mark Meenan

Office of the Time Police (Timeline)

Sparks

Office of the Office (Memberships)

Steve and Alice Lawson

Foreign and Colonial Office (Agents)

Bjørn Tore Sund

Office of Employment (Volunteers)

Jenny Quin

Office of Information (Publications)

Andrew A Adams

Office of Smoffing (Smofcon)

KIM Campbell

Office of Science and Technology (IT Support)

Bjørn Tore Sund & Andrew A Adams

Web Site

Colin Harris

The Glasgow Science Centre by Andrew A Adams

Just to please us — well, I suppose it's more because they think it'll work generally — a new visitor attraction is taking shape in Glasgow. On the other side of the docks from the SECC, the Armadillo has laid an egg! The new Glasgow Science Centre is mostly complete. As of writing, parts of it are open. The rest is scheduled to open over Easter weekend 2001.

The centre consists of three bits: the IMAX theatre, the Science Mall and the Observation Tower. When we visited it in the snows of New Year, the IMAX was open and the other buildings were completed, but not furnished yet. They're all in a shiny metal finish that blends in well with the Armadillo, while reflecting everything else.

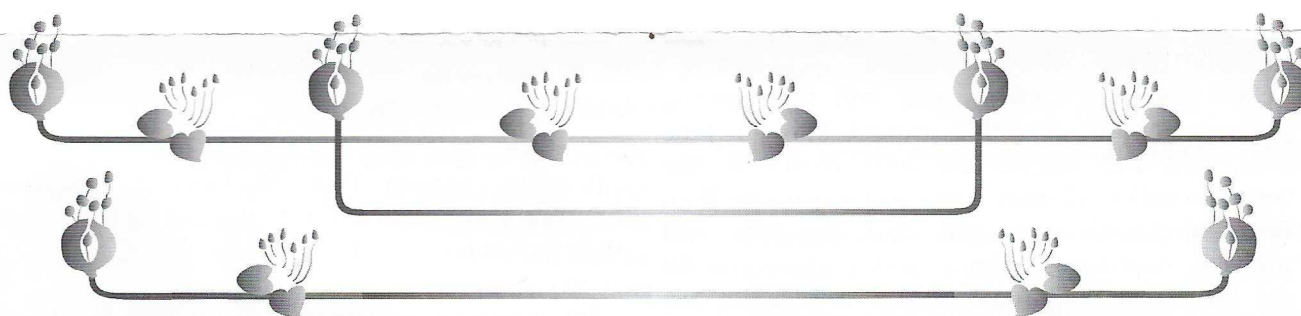
As you might expect the centre has its own web site at www.gsc.org.uk. As I write, the offerings at their IMAX theatre include "Mysteries of Egypt" and "(The Science of Film) Thrill Ride". We will of course be talking to them about showing appropriate stuff during the con if we win the bid.

Well, you all know what an IMAX theatre is, I'm sure (if not, just think "surround-vision"), so what else is there? The Science Mall will contain

evolving/revolving science exhibits and there'll be the usual special features I've no doubt. Who knows, if we win the bid we might be able to persuade someone to run some sort of science fiction related exhibition. The observation tower is over four hundred feet tall and will rotate with the wind direction (very slowly, I'm sure, a free-swinging wind direction indicator that tall would be "interesting" to be at the top of). For those who have been to the SECC before, it's twice as tall as the large crane near the exhibition site. It should give an incredible view of Glasgow.

Inside, there are a number of eating places, ranging from a cafe to a brasserie. The Science Mall has sections available for hire for private parties. The whole thing is just over the water from the SECC and Moat House Hotels. There's also a footbridge linking the two sites directly, so you don't even have to be able to walk on water.

The whole site opposite the SECC is seeing a lot of development, and we're expecting more useful and interesting stuff to turn up there before 2005. All in all, yet another reason to visit Glasgow.



UK in 2005 Information Email Bounce

One of the items in our FAQ has to do with whether or not it is possible to receive publications from the bid in electronic form. This is because this is one of the more Frequently Asked Questions at our bid tables. We hadn't thought about it before you asked, but if you want it, we can do it.

We can't send the whole publications out as email, they are slightly too big for that to be practical. But we can put them out on the web pages (in PDF format), and notify you when they have been put out. In order to get notified of that and other large changes to our web pages, as well as other

major news about the bid as they happen, send a mail to majordomo@uk2005.org.uk, with the words:

`subscribe uk05-info`

in the body of the message.

This is a non-participatory email list. This means that only a very few people will be allowed to send messages there — consequently the volume on the list will be relatively low. If you would like to volunteer to be part of discussions on the organisation of the bid and our projects, please get in touch with us at one of our contact addresses, and we'll make sure to include you.

Membership Rates

(Accurate at time of printing)

Currency	Pre-Supp	Friend
GB£	13	60
US\$	20	90
€	23	100
A\$	35	165
C\$	30	135
NZ\$	50	225
¥	2000	10000
NOK	180	825
SEK	190	875
DKK	170	775

In the UK and USA, make cheques out to 'UK in 2005'.



How to Vote

by Kevin Standlee

(ConJosé's Sub-Division Manager for WSFS Affairs)

Imagine if the site of the 2008 Olympic Games was selected by vote of the athletes, officials, and attendees of the 2004 Olympics, instead of by a select committee. That's how we decide where Worldcons are held. Every member of a given year's Worldcon is eligible to vote on where we will hold the Worldcon three years later. Therefore, if you want to have a say in where the 2005 Worldcon will be, you need to join the 2002 Worldcon, ConJosé (August 29th – September 2nd, 2002).

The short version: Join the 2002 Worldcon as a supporting or attending member, then in mid-2002, when you get the ballot, fill it out, pay an additional advance supporting membership fee, then send it in or cast it at ConJosé.

The long version: In case you do not know the way to ConJosé, it is in San José, California (south of San Francisco). You do not have to actually travel there or buy an expensive (currently GBP96/USD140) attending membership, although if you do plan to attend, we encourage you to buy your membership now, because it will cost more later. The less expensive (GBP35/USD50) supporting membership includes the right to vote on site selection, and also to nominate and vote on the 2002 Hugo Awards, as well as all of ConJosé's publications.

Once you join ConJosé, you will start getting progress reports. Probably around May or June 2002, you will receive the 2005 Worldcon Site Selection ballot. (Expect it to also be available from the convention's web site, and the bids will probably distribute copies as well.) Once you fill out the ballot, you must include a separate fee, called the "Advance Supporting Membership" or "voting fee." This fee is a supporting membership in the 2005 Worldcon, regardless of who wins the election. The fee has not yet been determined, but recently has ranged between GBP20-27 (USD30-40).

"But wait," you say, "I already paid once. Why do I have to pay again?" The answer is that the money you paid ConJosé is a membership in the 2002

Worldcon. You must be a member of Worldcon in order to vote. The money you pay with the ballot is a membership in the 2005 Worldcon. Regardless of who wins, you will automatically get a supporting membership (publications and voting rights) for 2005.

Full details about joining ConJosé, including a full list of agents, is available at their web site (www.conJosé.org/membership.html), but here's a summary:

In the UK, send memberships to:

Steve Davies & Giulia de Cesare,
52 Westbourne Terrace,
Reading,
Berkshire, RG30 2RP
United Kingdom

In Europe, send them to:

Vince Docherty,
Brugstraat 17B,
Groningen 9712AA,
Netherlands

In the USA and other countries or regions without an agent, send memberships to:

ConJosé,
PO Box 64128,
Sunnyvale
CA 94088-4128
USA

(ConJosé accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Card, charged in USD from their parent non-profit corporation, SFSFC Inc.)

For questions specifically about 2005 Worldcon site selection, e-mail the administrator, James Briggs:

siteselection@conJosé.org

For general inquiries about the convention, write to:

info@conJosé.org.



UK05 Membership Breakdown by Country

Country	P	S	F	Total	Country	P	S	F	Total	Country	P	S	F	Total
USA	621	2	32	655	Finland	10			10	Ukraine	2			2
UK	85	7	4	96	Germany	12			12	Austria	1			1
Canada	35			35	Poland	4			4	Channel Islands	1			1
Sweden	33			33	Ireland	3			3	Croatia	1			1
Australia	24			24	Belgium	2			2	Qatar	1			1
Norway	22	1	3	26	France	2			2	Spain	1			1
Netherlands	23	1	1	25	Romania	2			2	Switzerland	1			1
Japan	6			6	South Africa	2			2	Malaysia	1			1
										TOTAL	923	10	27	960

Key: P – Pre-supporters; S – Subscribers; F – Friend