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## WISCON MOVES DOWNTOWN

Just in case you haven't heard yet, Wiscon 17 will once again be held downtown at the Concourse Hotel. The Concourse is just one block off the capitol square, in the downtown shopping district. It's only a 15 minute drive from Dane County Regional Airport, and about the same distance from I-90/94. There is an underground parking ramp which is free for guests of the hotel, and a public parking ramp a half block away with 500 additional spaces. The Concourse does not allow pets. Room rates are \$63 single/\$73 double.

Contact The Concourse Hotel for room reservations and directions. Write to them at 1 West Dayton, Madison, WI 53703-2582. Or call: 257-6000 (in Madison); (800) 356-8293 (elsewhere). **Be sure to mention Wiscon when making reservations to receive the convention rate.**

## WISCON HOSTS SECOND JAMES TIPTREE JR. AWARD, MARCH 5-7, 1993

The James Tiptree Jr. Award was conceived by Karen Joy Fowler and Wiscon 15 GoH Pat Murphy, who used her GoH speech at Wiscon 15 to announce the creation of the award. It is named for the late Alice Sheldon (who wrote under the pseudonym of James Tiptree Jr.), and goes to the best science fiction or fantasy work which deals with gender roles.

Wiscon 16 was the host for the first ceremony, which was attended by approximately 200 people. This year we will be hosting a dessert banquet in conjunction with the second annual award ceremony. Seating will be open after the banquet, but those attending the banquet will get the best seats.

## GUESTS

Kristine Kathryn Rusch was nominated for two Hugo awards in 1992, **Best Editor**, and **Best Novella** ("The Gallery of His Dreams"). Her first convention was a Wiscon, and she worked at WORT radio here in Madison. She co-founded Pulphouse, the hardback magazine, with Dean Wesley Smith, and succeeded Edward Ferman as the editor of **The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction**.

Lois McMaster Bujold is the Hugo award-winning author of the 'Miles

Vorkosigan' series. *The Vor Game* won the Hugo for **Best Novel** in 1991, and *Barrayar* has won the Hugo for **Best Novel** for 1992.

We are also expecting Pat Murphy (who is getting to be a regular), and Eleanor Arnason (one of the winners of last year's James Tiptree Jr. Award), along with many others.

## CHILD CARE

Kathleen Madigan, who volunteered to coordinate child care at Wiscon 17 has not received any inquiries. We have included a child care form with

### Wiscon 17 Registration Form

March 5-7, 1993, Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Name Mike McMENAMY  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Names Do not put on mailing list  
moving out of area

### WISCON 17

PO BOX 1624  
MADISON, WI 53701-1624

\_\_\_\_\_ Attending Memberships @\$18  
 Worker Memberships @\$10  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dessert Banquet Tickets @\$5  
\$10.00 Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to Wiscon (do not send cash).

Please send me information about:

- Art Show
- Gofers—Staff
- Badgers—Security
- Set-up/Take-down
- Consuite—Staff
- Consuite—Security
- Video—Staff

this flyer. Please read it carefully! The deadline for returning these flyers is February 1, 1993. If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Madigan by phone at (708) 888-3899, or write to her at P.O. Box 1006, Elgin, IL 60121.

We can *not* accept applications for child care at the door. Please help us to make this successful.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We need help! Wiscon is run entirely by volunteers. Those people are volunteers just like you. We need volunteers to move equipment, check people's badges, provide security, etc. Without your help, Wiscon can't happen.

Volunteering has two major benefits. The first is the experience. You will get to meet many new friends, and have a lot of fun doing it. The second is money. Volunteers who are willing to work at least four hours on the convention may register for the \$10 worker membership. Just be sure to check the appropriate box or boxes on the registration form. You will be contacted before the convention.

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### **VIDEO**

Wiscon will feature a 24 hour video room this year. But only with your help. The work is easy (anyone can operate a VCR or laserdisk player), and you can register at the \$10 worker membership (provided that you agree to work at least four hours on the convention). Please check the box on the registration form.

### **ART SHOW**

Wiscon will once again offer an outstanding art show. There will be an auction on Saturday night, where you can purchase many of the items in the show. For more information on fees, deadlines and registration, check the art show box on the registration form or write to "Art Show" at the Wiscon address.

### **CONSUIE**

The Wiscon consuite this year will again offer a fine selection of snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages. If you feel the need to indulge in stronger potations, you may wish to visit the hotel bar, or the cash bar at the mixer. Due to declining interest, we will not have a smoking room this year, but there are plenty of designated smoking areas elsewhere in the hotel.

### **PROGRAMMING**

Wiscon 17 is shaping up to have a very wide variety of programming. One of the best features is the large number of readings scheduled, from writers like Joan D. Vinge and Suzy McKee Charnas, and editor Jim Frenkel, among others. Wiscon 17 will see the return of traditions like the Midnight Vampire Panel, as well as new panels on topics from historical fantasy to genetic manipulation and three dimensional art.

### **DESSERT BANQUET**

Instead of the full buffet banquet, this year we decided to have a desert banquet on Saturday night. Tickets will be \$5, which will get you a choice of desserts, and coffee or milk. The banquet will be followed by the Tiptree award ceremony, so banquet attendees will have the best seats for the ceremony. Guest of Honor speeches will also be held here. Get your tickets early!

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Attending memberships are \$18 before February 22, 1993, and \$30 at the door. If you are on a panel, or have volunteered to work at least four hours at the convention, you may register for the worker membership for \$10. If you want more information, call us at (608) 231-2324.

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