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WisCon 20

The Greatest Confluence of
Feminist Science Fiction Ever!

Ursula K. Le Guin

Guest of Honor

May 24-27, 1996

Concourse Hotel

Madison, Wisconsin

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You don't want to miss WisCon 20!

Not only will we host the fifth annual
James Tiptree, Jr. Award...

Not only will we talk about SF
and party for four days over the
Memorial Day weekend...

Not only will we bring together writers
and editors, publishers and scholars,
men and women from around the
country to discuss and celebrate
feminism and gender issues in
science fiction and fantasy...

But we have invited **every previous
guest of honor** to return and
join this year's guest of honor
Ursula K. Le Guin in celebrating
two decades of WisCon!

Guests

Forty-five previous guests of honor and special guests have been invited to return to WisCon 20! Although later convention mailings will have a more complete list, we can confirm now that the following luminaries are planning to attend:

Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff, Lois McMaster Bujold, Suzy McKee Charnas, Beverly DeWeese, Suzette Haden Elgin, Kelley Eskridge, Karen Joy Fowler, Jim Frenkel, Nicola Griffith, David Hartwell, Steven Vincent Johnson, Helene Klodawsky, R.A. McAvoy, Pat Murphy, Deb Notkin, Stu Shiffman, Sue Thomas, Joan D. Vinge, Elisabeth Vonarburg, Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Guest of Honor

WisCon is pleased to present Ursula K. Le Guin as the Guest of Honor for this year's convention. Ursula received the James Tiptree, Jr. Award in 1995 for her short story "The Matter of Seggri," and is the author of such important novels as *The Left Hand of Darkness*, *The Dispossessed*, and the *Earthsea* books, as well as recent works, *Four Ways to Forgiveness* and *A Fisherman of the Inland Sea*.

The James Tiptree, Jr. Award

The Award returns to its birthplace for the fifth annual presentation. This year's judges (Marleen Barr, Nicola Griffith, Sarah Lefanu, Richard Paul Russo, and Nancy Springer) will honor works that explore gender issues in science fiction and fantasy. Award founding mothers Pat Murphy and Karen Joy Fowler will also be attending!

Madison in the Spring

Spring weekends in the Midwest are hard to beat. Everyone's in a great mood because winter's gone, so expect to find your time in Madison to be especially cheery! The hotel is in the heart of the downtown Capitol/University area, so there are plenty of restaurants, shops, and interesting people and places within easy walking. The Saturday Farmer's Market on the Capitol Square is a popular choice for breakfast browsing.

Programming

This year's we'll focus more than ever on feminism and gender issues in science fiction and fantasy. If you'd like to participate in a panel discussion, a reading, or a special presentation, please contact the convention staff. Suggestions are always welcome for interesting program ideas!

Special Events

In addition to the Guest of Honor speech on Saturday, there will be a Tiptree Award reception late Sunday afternoon just before the public award ceremony. The hors d'oeuvres party tickets cost \$10 per person and should be ordered when you register for the convention; tickets may be limited).

Because Monday is Memorial Day, it would be a shame to leave without a proper picnic, so we're planning a barbeque in the park complete with brats, potato salad, and all the trimmings.

Finally, if you're interested in throwing an open party at the hotel, please contact the WisCon staff about arranging for a free suite. There will be a certain number of suitable party rooms available to publishers, bid committees, and fan groups.

Hotel

The Concourse Hotel is located at 1 W. Dayton, Madison, WI 53703; phone 1-800-356-8293. Room rates are \$75 per night for up to four people. We expect a large attendance at this year's anniversary con, so please book your rooms early, and mention "WisCon" when you call.

Dealers' Room

Please contact Hank Luttrell (608-251-6226) during business hours for info about reserving Dealers' Room space (book dealers, small presses, etc.).

CONTACTING WISCON

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IMPORTANT!

WisCon 20 will attract more people than ever, and hotel and convention space is limited. We urge you to register as soon as possible. Registration may close if we reach capacity before the con.

REGISTRATION RATES

The attending rate is \$25 before March 1, 1996, and \$35 before May 10, 1996. At-the-door memberships will be \$40 unless we fill up before then. Other rates: Youth (ages 7-12), \$15, or \$20 at the door; Supporting, \$15; Single Day \$10 (Fri.) or \$20 (Sat. & Sun.). Panelists and volunteers can qualify for a \$15 refund! Kids six and under in the company and care of an adult get in free.

Child Care

We'll happily organize it if enough people need it, so please let the the con staff know NOW that you want child care. This will only be available if there's enough demand before the con starts.

Volunteers

You can save \$15 by volunteering for six hours at the convention. Register at the regular rate, and a refund will be mailed to you after the weekend. Consider helping with setting or cleaning up, child care, security, the con suite, or other areas. The volunteer coordinator will contact you to set up your schedule.

Program Book Advertising

For information about placing ads in the special WisCon 20 program book, please contact Meg Hamel: 608-251-2225 or century@supranet.com.

Financial Support for WisCon

With so many guests returning, WisCon 20 will require more funding than before. Please consider making an additional contribution to help bring more guests to the convention. Your support will help make WisCon 20 even more special.

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