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Welcome to London's Docklands and the World Fantasy Convention! First, we must apologize to Uwe Sommerlad, whose name was spelled incorrectly in the *Pocket Programme*. Also, as most of you know Robert Jordan cancelled his trip to Dublin and the UK, so he will not now be attending this year's convention.

Thanks go to scriptwriter Lisa Morton and Abrams Gentile Entertainment, who will be previewing the first three episodes of the new children's CGI animated TV series *Van-Pires*. Each half-hour episode will be screened in the Royal Lounge.



OPENING CEREMONY (L-R): HUGH B. CAVE, BOB EGGLETON, DOUG BRADLEY, RONALD CHETWYND-HAYES, JOAN AIKEN, ROBERT HOLDSTOCK, JO FLETCHER

Don't forget to visit the York Room on the second floor, where John Gilbert - a name that should be familiar to many convention attendees as the editor for three years of the sadly defunct *Fear* magazine - is sponsoring the hospitality suite. We're live on the Internet so the whole world can see us and find out what's going on at WFC 1997. We're also doing sound interviews which will go out live on the Internet - authors and editors so far profiled include Robert Silverberg, Terry Brooks, Simon Green, Tina Rath, Felicity Savage and Nick Austin. Later today, we'll be hearing from our Guest of Honour Joan Aiken, and Ramsey Campbell, Dennis Etchison, and David Hartwell. For the entire weekend the facilities in the York Room are completely free - oh, and thanks to Microsoft's generosity, you can also send emails free, to anywhere in the world.

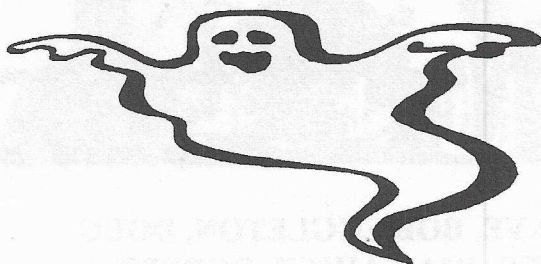
For those of you who have been too busy with panels and parties to visit the art show yet, you are missing a real treat. As well as our artist Guest of Honour Bob Eggleton, you will find some truly wonderful paintings and sculptures, including pieces by Jim Burns, Les Edwards, Josh Kirby, George Underwood, Dave Carson, Jason Brooks, Juraj Maxon, Anne Sudworth and Steven Paul Youll. There are many others too, so don't let this art show pass you by.

And while you're checking out the delights of the dealers' room, be sure to stop by the wonderful sculptures by Ukranian artist Volodimir Ivanov, the artwork of Sergey Poyarkov and the jewellery by Leonid Kouritz- they were too late to get into the art show, but we squeezed them in here so you could get a chance to stop and admire - and maybe even buy some of this unique Eastern European art.

PARISH NOTICES

Please be aware that the International Hotel has have been targeted by thieves. Two convention members have had their rooms burgled, losing, amongst other things, airline tickets and passports. There are safety deposit boxes on the ground floor; just ask hotel reservations. We would suggest that anyone with valuables takes advantage of these boxes.

And don't forget tonight's Dracula extravaganza - the first time Bram Stoker's play has been performed in nearly one hundred years!



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