


ConFiction

48th World Science Fiction Convention – P.O. Box 95370 – 2509 CJ The Hague – Holland

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The Hague, 5 August 1990

Dear programme participant,

This mailing is an invitation, a confirmation and communication from the Programme Coordinators of ConFiction.

Invitation for those who have not heard from us before. We found you in the membership lists and we thought that you would be a great participant for the mentioned item(s) in your personal programme schedule. If you are not able or willing to do this: let us know.

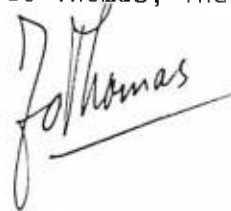

A confirmation for those who received a mailing before, but we thought it proper to let you know of some small changes (or maybe big changes). We have included the signings, readings and Dutch Treats (Kaffeeklatschen) in your list. If you don't agree: let us know.

Communication about some items with mysterious titles. We are not sending information about titles as e.g. "SF in Poland". The title explains enough.

If this mailing arrives very late (we will use the fax for those participants who have one) and you would like a change in your personal schedule, you can contact OOPS or the Green Room in the Congresgebouw, when you arrive.

We would like to thank you for all the support that you have given us and will give us. See you at The Hague.

Jo Thomas, Theo Hanou, Programme Coordinators ConFiction

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PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT FORM

Please complete and return this form by 30th June 1990 or reach us directly by telefax.

Name SLATER, KF Address and telephone (if changed, if it changes)

23 LINTON ROAD, UPTON, WIMBORNE, DORSET,
UK. PE 14 9BW

Expected Arrival Congresgebouw WEDNES day 10 am/~~pm~~
Expected Departure Congresgebouw TUES day 8 am/~~pm~~

Changes required to enclosed schedule, if any:

Audio-Visual equipment for programme item (please specify):

DUTCH TREAT: I would like to host ... 'paying' guests 0 yes 0 no

SIGNING: I would like to sign 0 yes 0 no

READING: I would like to read 0 yes 0 no

additional comments _____

Please return by June 30th, 1990 to PROGRAMME - ConFiction or telefax
Postbus 95370 (Netherlands)-
2509 CJ THE HAGUE 10-4659977
The Netherlands

NOT A HUGO - OWING
TO WRITING PROBABLY IT
ONLY TWD REACHED PE.

ConFiction Programming Questionnaire

Name SLATER, RONNIE F.
Address (if wrong on envelope) _____
POST CODE IS WRONG! SHOULD BE PE14 9B W

Phone _____

- I would like to be on the ConFiction programme.
- I am unlikely to attend ConFiction.
- I plan to be at ConFiction; however, I do not wish to take part in programming.
- I am not sure if I wish to attend ConFiction, or to participate. Please contact me later.

To help us get a very early idea about how to program ConFiction, we would appreciate your taking the time the following questions.
(With thanks to Noreascon III for letting us use their Questionnaire outline)

I expect to be arriving at ConFiction:

- Wednesday or earlier
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday or later

I expect to be departing ConFiction:

- Sunday AM
- Sunday PM
- Monday AM
- Monday PM
- Tuesday or later

I would like to participate in the programme during the following times:

Not before: _____ Not after: _____ Late night: Yes No

Not on the following days: _____

Not opposite:

- Masquerade
- Art Auction
- Hugos
- Any special banquet
- GoH event
- SFWA meeting
- ASFA meeting
- WSFS business meeting
- Other: _____

*OUTSIDE TIME AT
DEALING WITH IF
POSSIBLE, BUT OTHERWISE
INDIFFERENT*

I am willing to be on no more than: _____ items/day _____ total programme items.

Program format I am interested in (check as many as desired):

- Participation in a panel
- Moderating a panel
- Giving a reading
- Interviewing
- Being interviewed
- Debating
- Autographing
- Giving a solo speech
- Conducting a workshop
- Other specialized program format: _____

"Non-Program" items I am interested in:

- Being interviewed by the press
- Being involved in a Meet-the VIPs event
- Taking part in informal meetings or 'kaffee-klatsches'
- Sharing recollections about sf, the sf community or the history of sf, in a special event

Areas of interest (check as many as desired)

- 'Hard SF'
- 'Social SF'
- Fantasy
- Horror
- Art
- Editing/Publishing
- Craft of writing
- Filking
- Media
- Costuming
- Comics
- Fanzines
- Space
- Conventions
- 'YA' topics
- Computers
- Business of writing
- Fan history
- Literary history
- Films
- Video
- Criticism
- Academic
- Gaming
- Science: specialties:
- Other: _____

We are planning to have an extensive and exciting programme, with a real international flavour. That's why we're gathering ideas from many people. What would *you* like to see at ConFiction? You can also indicate if you wish to be on this programme item, but please tell us about it anyway!

Your suggestions could include a repeat of an idea from a previous convention, or a new idea you'd like to see at a convention. Be as detailed as you like, including possible participants if particular names strike you. Feel free to use a separate sheet if needed... and thanks for your help and ideas!

I like to be involved in in these programme items as well.

Items and topics you feel you've done too often, and/or would rather not be scheduled for:

Other people you feel we should contact (whether or not they are on panels or other programme items with you) and their addresses (if you have them available).

In order to facilitate communication among co-panelists, we would to send your address and/or telephone number to members of any panels you are on. May we do this?

Address: yes no
Telephone number: yes no

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

People with whom you might want to be scheduled: _____

INDIFFERENT

People with whom you would prefer *not* to be scheduled: _____

INDIFFERENT

Thank you for your help!

**Please return this questionnaire to:
ConFiction Programme Division
P.O. Box 95370
2509 CI The Hague**

The Hague, 12th June 1990

Dear Programme Participant,


Due to a computer breakdown we couldn't combine your personal programme with the precis about your item(s).

We apologize for this and will send you this information as soon as possible.

Programme Group ConFiction

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The Hague, May/June 1990

Dear possible programme participant of ConFiction,

We have reached the milestone of the final draft of a first tentative programme for ConFiction and we feel excited and confident about the contents of the programme. We were greatly helped in this process by many, many people and we would like to thank them for their support and creative help.

We consider it a privilege to write and invite you to participate in our programme. You can be sure we are very much aware, that without your personal dedication and willingness, the programme of ConFiction can never be as good as we hope to make it.

Enclosed you will find:

1. a letter with facts about the programme
2. a form for any suggestions or proposals you may have.
3. a tentative personal schedule.

Due to time and the enormous costs of mailing for ConFiction: if nothing changes in your personal schedule, we will not be sending you a further letter. There is the possibility though, that some participants will be sent a second mailing to complete their personal programme scheme. We managed to limit the number of items for each participant to six (or less if you requested this). Shortly before ConFiction only Signing, Reading and Dutch Treat will be added to your schedule (incorporating your wishes regarding time etc.)

It is possible that we haven't sent you a Programme Participant Questionnaire yet. Just in case, we have included one.

If we have done our job well, we will hardly receive any forms back and so we take this early opportunity to wish you lots of fun and some great days at ConFiction.

See you 23rd August 1990 at the Congresgebouw in The Hague;
Meanwhile, thank you very much for your co-operation.

On behalf of Mike Glycer, Rick Foss, Theo Hanou, Annemarie van Ewijck, Leo Kindt, Simon Joukes and the Board,

Jo Thomas

Jo Thomas, Programme Coordinator.

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Greetings,

The enclosed sheet is your tentative schedule for programming at ConFiction. We are very excited about the programme and we hope that you will feel the same about your items and indeed at the end of August about the whole programme.

Will you please take a few moments to look over the items for which you are scheduled and let us know how they strike you? If there are some items you can't or would rather not be on: please let us know as soon as possible. If you would like to be included on more items, please tell us that too. If we don't hear from you by 30th of June, we will assume that you are quite happy with your schedule.

Remember this is a preliminary schedule - based on responses and suggestions and other information. Don't worry if there seem to be too many or too few other programme participants on your panels; we expect this to change. We will incorporate requested revisions into your schedule and will hand you your updated listing on your arrival.

MISTAKES AND APOLOGIES

With some embarrassment we would like to say 'sorry' to you. Firstly that we are not able to make this a personalised letter, but this allows us to send the mailing faster. Secondly, sorry for any mistake in the enclosed programme items. Over the last few weeks we have discussed about 700 items and combined lists etc. There is of course the possibility that we have overlooked something and if this is the case we would really appreciate it, if YOU would correct this immediately. Please, help us to maintain the balance of the programme, and don't hesitate to tell us any unforgivable error.

PROGRAMME NOTES

Unless otherwise stated, most programme items will last 60 minutes within a time slot of 90 minutes. Readings will last less in a time slot of 60 minutes. A signing will get a 60 minutes time slot and take place in the Book Room (Huckster's Room) (= Jan Steen-zaal).

The Official Opening will be at 14.00 hrs (2pm) Thursday 23rd August. The Closing Ceremony will be at 14.00 hrs, Monday 27th August. The Hugo Award Ceremony is scheduled for 19.30 hrs (7.30pm) on Saturday. The Masquerade for 20.00 hrs on Sunday. Mistress of Ceremonies of the first 3 items will be Chelsea Quinn Yarbro. Mistress of Ceremonies for the Masquerade will be Anne Page. Master of Ceremonies for MEET THE VIPs (combined with a Dutch/Indonesian rijsttafel) Friday 18.00 hrs (6pm) will be Robert Silverberg.

SIGNING - READING - DUTCH TREAT

In the enclosed computer print-out three programme streams are not included: Signing, Reading and Dutch Treat. The last item is a programme for which attending members can register on arrival in the building. ConFiction will, in the main, choose authors for this item. Their names will be written on a large sheet of paper, mentioning what it will cost the member who registers (he/she pays for the author's drinks or lunch). The author can limit the number of people with whom he/she would like to talk. It is a variation on the idea of the Kaffeeklatschen. Day and time of Signing, Reading and Dutch Treat will be given to you when you arrive. If you do not wish to participate in this: please tell us.

IF SOMETHING IS NOT IN ORDER:

If adjustments have to be made: could you please write these on the form on the next page? If you feel you have a major problem that will influence the total programme substantially, please call Jo Thomas (International entry + 3120456470) or Theo Hanou: (Int. entry code + 31185813698). Should this occur we will confirm the correction by mail.

ARRIVAL AT THE CONGRESGEBOUW

When you arrive there will be a special administration desk for Programme Participants. You will receive everything you need there. Among others your badge with PROGRAMME PARTICIPANT ribbon. Could you please then proceed to the Green Room? (Mesdag-zaal 1)

The managers of the Green Room, Kathy en Mike Westhead, would like to receive you there with a drink after your journey, which we hope will have been pleasant. We would like to remind you that only people with the Programme Participant badge will have access to this room (and to OOPS, the Official Operation Programme Space).

Should there still be any problems with your programme schedule at that time, we would like to see you in OOPS, the room next to the Green Room, where you will be received by Mike Glycer, Rick Foss, Theo Hanou or Jo Thomas

Programme Staff ConFiction

ConFiction The Programme Participant's Schedule
Preliminary Schedule
11 June 1990

Ken Slater

Title: Traditions in Fandom

Time: 2 PM Saturday

Participant(s):

Nancy T Atherton

Ethel; Lindsay

Ken Slater

(Moderator) Leah Zeldes Smith

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ITGAS ALWAYS START LATE. THIS IS
EXPLAINED BECAUSE THE FIRST BRITISH EASTCON IN
1968 TOOK PLACE AT WHITSUNTIDE.