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Each year there are a wide variety of awards in the Science Fiction and related fields and some of the major ones are mentioned below.

There are different categories in most of the Awards - that listed is for Best Novel of the current voting period.

Irish magazine wins top European Awards

Albedo One, the long-running Irish science fiction, fantasy and horror magazine won the top honours at the recent **European SF Convention**, held in Dublin Castle.

Voted *Best European Magazine*, and *Best Small Press* it scored highly for its international flavour and high profile contributors - the magazine has featured fiction from Anne McCaffrey, Ian McDonald, Brian Stableford, Norman Spinrad and Gill Alderman and regularly inter-



views other leading authors in the genre. Published since 1993 the magazine has steadily increased its readership and is now sold to SF readers all over the world. The editors are keen to attract new Irish writers and artists and to this end have produced a set of guidelines, which are available from the editorial address, given below. A £25 prize for Best Story is currently on offer. Issue 15 has just been published, with fiction by **Norman Spinrad** and **Jeff VanderMeer**, reviews, comment and letters. Available from all good book-

shops, or by post for £3.50, inc. p+p.
Albedo One, 2, Post Road, Lusk, Co. Dublin. Email: bhry@iol.ie

Coming soon from
Black Rose Publications:

Black Rose magazine



Without Honour, a new collection of short stories by Irish author Robert Neilson was recently published by Albedo One Publications. The tales, ranging from straight science fiction to fantasy and horror are superbly illustrated by Londoner Alan Casey and feature an introduction by top fantasy author Maggie Furey. SFX magazine called it *'Disturbing, imaginative and well-written it comes highly recommended'*

Launched at Eurocon in October the first edition soon sold out; copies of the second edition, signed by the author, are now available from all good bookshops or the Albedo One address above for £4, inc. p+p.

The Irish Science Fiction Association holds monthly meetings in The St. George, Parnell Square, Dublin 1, on the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 8.00 p.m. Why not drop along?



Eastercon 1998

Intuition, the 1998 British Easter Convention is being held in Manchester from 10 - 14 April with Guests Of Honour acclaimed US writer **Connie Willis** and British Hugo Award winner **Ian McDonald**. 800 fans, writers, artists and editors will attend this, the major event in the British SF calendar. More details can be obtained from the Irish Agent at Intuition, 30 Beverly Downs, Knocklyon Road, Templeogue, Dublin 16. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

No details have been released regarding this year's major Irish convention, **Octocon 9**. Fans are advised to watch for publicity.



Hugo Awards

Winner:

Blue Mars by

Kim Stanley Robinson

Runners-up

Holy Fire by **Bruce Sterling**

Memory by **Lois McMaster Bujold**

(Voted by the members of the annual World SF convention - widely considered to be the major Award in the field)

Nebula Awards:

Slow River by **Nicola Griffith**

World Fantasy Award

Godmother Night

by **Rachel Pollack**

Stoker Award: (horror)

The Green Mile

by **Stephen King**

British SF Award:

Excession by **Iain M. Banks**

Arthur C. Clarke Award:

The Calcutta Chromosome
by **Amitav Ghosh**

New Books Due Soon...

- Stephen Baxter** - *Traces* (hc, April); *Moonseed* (hc, August);
- David Gemmell** - *Echoes of the Great Song* (hc, January);
- Robert Jordan** - *The Path of Daggers* (hc, July);
- Ken MacLeod** - *The Cassini Division* (hc, May);
- Julian May** - *The Perseus Spur* (hc, February);
- Ian McDonald** - *Kiryns* (hc, April);
- Terry Pratchett** - *The Last Continent* (hc, May);
- Geoff Ryman** - *253* (February);
- Robert Silverberg** - *The Alien Years* (hc, February);
- Michael Marshall Smith** - *One Of Us* (hc, May);