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EVENT HORIZON

- 5 Jan - **WIGGLE** meeting - (Delayed from December) *ONE TUN*. Saffron Hill.
- 13 Jan - **Robert Holdstock** signing copies of *LAVONDYSS* and *MYTHAGO WOOD* (1.00 - 2.00 pm) at *FORBIDDEN PLANET*, 71 New Oxford St.
- 13 Jan - **Michael Moorcock**. Speaking at the BSFA meeting in the *Plough*. Museum St. (Nr Tottenham Ct rd tube). Meeting starts 7.00 - 7.30 pm. Admission £1 for non BSFA members 50p for members. Michael Moorcock has requested that the meeting be non smoking (Hooray - Mammal Editorial staff).
- 27 Jan - **Ramsey Campbell** - Signing copies of *ANCIENT IMAGES*, 1.00 - 2.00, *FORBIDDEN PLANET*, 71 New Oxford St.
- 2 - 4 Feb **CON2BILE**. GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL PETERBOROUGH. GoH *Meg Davis* (now confirmed). Registration £13 attending £5 supporting to Con2bile, 93A Park Rd, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
- 24 Feb **LUCON-tinued**. LEEDS UNIVERSITY UNION. GoH *Michael Scott Rohan*. Registration £6 attending, £3 supporting. Details from Ian Creasey, 20 Meadow View, Leeds LS6 1JQ.
- 3 Mar **PICOCON**. IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON. Details from ICSF Society, S.U. Imperial College, London.
- 9 - 11 Mar - **30 CON** - A blatant attempt by 3 young lads (Note the difference from Chris O'Shea's agist phraseology) to "privatise" their birthday party. Those in question being John Richards, Mike Cheater and Steve Glover. Registration £5 to J.Richards. 30 Con (Suckers Unlimited), 59 North End Avenue, North End, Portsmouth, Hants, PO2 9EA.
- 13 - 16 Apr **EASTCON 90**. ADELPHI HOTEL LIVERPOOL. GoH's *Jain Banks Ken Campbell, Nigel Kneale*. FGoH *Anne Page*. AGoH *SMS*. 1990 British National SF Convention. Registration £25 attending, £12 Supporting to EASTCON 90, 15 Maldon Close, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8DD.
- 13- 16 Apr **ELYDORE**. SHEPPERTON MOAT HOUSE. GoH's *Terry Pratchett, Anne McAffrey, Neil Gaiman*. Registration £25 attending (£13 for 1 day) to Mrs Bougourd, High Hopes, La Vrangue, St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.
- 25- 28 May **INCLINATION**. CHEQUERS HOTEL NEWBURY. A convention for those interested in actively participating in conventions. The program will be entirely arranged by the membership. Registration £8 to **INCLINATION**, 51-Danes Rd, Exeter, Devon.
- 26 - 27 May - **FANDERSON 90**. Mount Royal Hotel Marble Arch. Main program covering the works of *Gerry Anderson* (Thunderbirds, UFO, Captain Scarlet, Space 1999, Secret Service, Terrahawks etc) and an alternate program featuring a wider range of media items. Registration £31 attending, £12 Supporting, to **FANDERSON 90**, 11 Woodriffe Rd, Leytonstone E11 1AH..

- 22 - 24 June - **CHRONOCLASM**, Pennine Hotel Derby. GoH **Mary Gentle**.
Attending membership £8, supporting £3 to CHRONOCLASM, c/o Neil Curry,
24 Peartree Rd, Enfield Rd, Middx, EN1 3DF.
- 23 - 24 June **FANTASIA**, Lorne Park Hotel, Glasgow. Media Convention by the
organisers of **Pilot**. Attending membership £10, Supporting £5 to
FANTASIA, 10 Atlas Rd, Springburn, Glasgow G21 4TE.
- 27 - 29 July **CONJUNCTION**. New Hall College, Cambridge. GoH *Greg Stafford*.
Role Playing/games convention. Others themes will include PBM gaming and
historical re-enactment. Registration £10 attending, £3 supporting to
CONJUNCTION, c/o 25 Wycliffe Rd, Cambridge CB1 3JD.
- 23 - 27 Aug **CONFICTION**. NETHERLANDS CONGRESS CENTRE, THE
HAGUE, HOLLAND. GoH's *Joe Haldeman, Wolfgang Jeschke, Harry
Harrison*. FGoH *Andrew Porter*. Toastmistress *Chelsea Quinn
Yarbro*. Registration £55 attending £16 supporting. Send to Confiction, c/o Colin
Fine, 28 Abbey Rd, Cambridge, GB5 8HQ.
- 29 March - 1 April 1991 **SPECULATION**. Hospitality Inne Glasgow. GoH *Robert
Holdstock*. 1991 British National SF Convention. Registration £15 Attending,
£10 supporting to SPECULATION, 35 Buller Rd, London N 17 9Bh.
- Oct/Nov 1991 **SOUPCON**. A relaxed convention in Jersey (Guess which
hotel ?). Membership is intended to be 150 - 200. Membership £15 to
SoupCon, 63 Drake Rd, Chessington, Surrey KT9 1LQ.

THE COLD EQUATIONS

You may know that a British Worldcon Bid is being considered for the 1990's. The site for the bid has still to be selected, the current shortlisted candidates are Jersey, Glasgow and Birmingham. The selection of target year is however turning out to be rather more interesting, involving late night phone calls and clandestine meetings in the USA and Europe.

In fact one British agent has already been held at gunpoint by Texas police (of course at the time even he wasn't aware that he was going to be an agent and the event may have had more to do with using an identical car to a pair of bank robbers but lets not spoil a good story with too many facts).

Originally the bid was targetted for 1995 as it was felt this was the earliest credible date. 1993 would have continued the **Conspiracy - Confiction** cycle of non US bids pre-empting the Western US bidding zone and would have caused enormous bad feeling from the West Coast. 1994 already had strong bids, particularly Washington. 1995 was free, at that time. 1996 was a Los Angeles bid and would have been unlikely to lose to an overseas bid again after **Confiction** defeated their 1990 bid. 1997 was open, at that time, and was selected as the "back up" date if 1995 proved impossible. 1998 is a "**Noreascon Year**", in that it falls on their declared nine year cycle, and **NESFA** would be impossible to beat. 1999 is possibly a "prestige year" (as are 2000 and 2001) and is likely to attract strong bids, as well as being later than we would like since it would then be 12 years after the last British Worldcon and 9 after the last European one (this also makes it very difficult to carry over experience from one Worldcon to another and we have few large conventions of our own to build up our organisation as even a British Eastercon is considerably smaller than an American regional).

OK everyone got it so far. Good because now things are starting to happen fairly quickly. **One** - Washington's hotels backed out and their bid was rumoured to have moved to 95, therefore the British plan adopted 97 as the bidding year. **Two** - Atlanta declared a bid for 95. **Three** - Texas has a planned bid for 97, although it has not yet been publicly announced. **Four** - the rumours about Washington bidding for 95 proved false. **Five** - Australia announced a bid for 95.

Our feedback from the US is that we would find it much tougher bidding against the Texans than against Atlanta but this gives us hardly any time to raise money to finance the bid. One other factor complicating the decision is the current lack of a bid for the 1992 Eastercon which might mean Conrunning fandom having to put something together over one year (luckily there are strong groups intending to bid 93 and 94). - Keep Watching the Skies !!!