

## BRITAIN AND BRIGHTON WELCOME WORLD SF

World SF was born at the First World Science Fiction Writers' Conference in Dublin, Ireland. Since its inception there have been meetings in Sweden, Italy, The Netherlands, Austria and Yugoslavia. In the spring we will meet again in the British Isles.

This should be a conference that will make serious plans for the future of our organisation. To date we have been involved in establishing World SF on a truly international scale. A look at the Directory will show how well we have succeeded. With members in 31 countries, the 'World' in our title is no mean boast. The sun can now never set on our Science Fiction Empire!

We cannot all attend the Brighton conference--but I sincerely hope that representatives will be there from as many countries and organisations as possible. I ask these delegates--and their parent organisations--to consider one problem before they come. I ask them to discuss this problem in depth and to come to Brighton bearing questions and, if possible, answers.

I want us all to think deeply about one thing: what next?

We have the membership and we have the long-term goals--such as the publication of international directories, of establishing a computer data base to aid publishers, as well as encouraging more translations of science fiction books from member countries. All well and good. But we need more immediate and attainable goals to start us on the road to these more ambitious projects.

Harry Harrison; Founding President.

## PROGRAMME

Although plans are not yet finalised, the outline programme of the 1984 World SF Professionals' Conference has been drawn up, and the provisional plan is as follows:

Tuesday, 17 April. Arrivals.  
19.00: Official Opening and Reception.

Wednesday, 18 April.  
10.30: Annual Meeting of World SF.  
Afternoon: Talks, Panels.  
Evening: Reception

Thursday, 19 April,  
Day: Talks, Panels.  
Evening: "SPECIAL PRESENTATION"

Friday, 20 April - Monday 23 April.  
"Seacon '84"

The various talks and panels have not been given definite times, but will include talks by Professor Tom Shippey on *SF: Some Cultural Differences* and Dr Jack Cohen on *The Parochial, the Practical and the Possible: Real Aliens*. So popular are their presentations, that both of these speakers are notorious for being able to empty the bars at British SF conventions. Panels will include *Backtalk III*, a sequel to the highly popular panels of authors and publishers at the Dublin Conferences. The "Special Presentation" will, we hope, be a spectacular performance of an SF Play by a noted company, but subject to confirmation. It will be the link between the World SF Professionals' Conference and Seacon '84.

#### World SF at Seacon '84:

During Seacon '84, there will be a number of "Workshop Sessions" for World SF members on topics of professional interest to various groups of members. Subjects to be covered will include: Translations; Teaching SF at University and at High-School levels; Bibliography; Agenting and Bookselling. The timing of these will not be finalised until just before the Convention, as we are working closely with the Seacon '84 Committee to avoid any conflict of interest with all that will be happening on the main Seacon '84 programmes. The only definite time so far, is that the Translators' Workshop will take place on the Friday Morning, when Seacon '84 have agreed that they will have nothing to clash with us! But the purpose of having these Workshop sessions during Seacon '84 is so that members not involved with the topic under discussion will be able to find something to do in the rest of the Hotel... and there will be plenty going on.

#### Seacon '84 at the World SF Conference:

There will be many items on the main Seacon '84 programmes which are either being presented by World SF or will be of great interest to the professional members of World SF. The World SF presentations will include *Helliconia Revisited*, where our President, Brian Aldiss, will be joined on Stage by some of the experts who helped in the creation of the Helliconia planet and system. The regular World SF presentation *SF Activities* will be a part of the Seacon '84 programme, and this year coverage is being extended to include films and TV as well as book publishing, with a special feature on the SF Magazines of each country. Professor Shippey and Dr Cohen will also be speaking to Seacon '84.

Items of interest on the Seacon '84 programme will include Guest of Honour Speeches by Roger Zelazny, Josef Nesvadba, Pierre Barbet, Christopher Priest and Waldemar Kumming. Bob Shaw will be giving his usual, or rather unusual *Serious Scientific Talk* and there will be a number of 'Duologues', a series of discussions between pairs of authors.

There will be a full "Eurocon" programme, with special presentations from each country in Europe, with panels etc.

And large bars, featuring British Real Ale, will be open all day.

#### ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP FEE

There is an an Attending Membership Fee of £3.50 for the World SF Conference over the period 17-19 April 1984. This is in addition to the Membership Fee for Seacon '84, which covers the period from 20-23 April. The attending membership for Seacon '84 is variable, depending upon when you pay it... This increases on December 1 1983 and February 1 1984. The membership fees for Seacon '84 are listed on the back of the enclosed Progress Report from Seacon '84, in most of the European currencies as well as Sterling and US Dollars. The first figure quoted next to your Country's Seacon Representative is the figure for the supporting membership of Seacon '84, which by planned sheer coincidence, is also the amount for the membership fee for the World SF Professionals' Conference.

Please send this sum, together with the appropriate membership fee for Seacon '84, if you wish to stay at the Conference after Thursday 19 April, to your local Seacon '84 Agent if one is listed, or send the fees in Sterling to Pauline Morgan at 321 Sarehole Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0AL, England. Put the name of the Agent and the amount paid on the Hotel Booking Form, before you send this form to Gerald Bishop, so that we will know that you are a 'paid-up member'.

### HOTEL BOOKING FORM

You will find a Hotel booking form enclosed with this Progress Report. If you wish to attend the World SF Professionals' Conference and/or Seacon '84, please complete this form and return it to Gerald Bishop as soon as possible. Although this Progress Report and the form are being mailed to you in October 1983, the rooms in the Metropole and Bedford Hotels will not be allocated until January 1984. Space in these Hotels is limited, and demand from both the professionals attending the World SF Conference and the fans attending Seacon '84 is liable to be great. We expect that both main Hotels will be filled before the deadline of January 1. While members of World SF will receive priority in the allocation of rooms, because of our members' "high stature" and the extra length of our stay, the date when your form is received by Mr Bishop will also be taken into account. It is therefore to your benefit to return the form promptly.

There is also other accommodation available in Brighton from approximately £7 per night. If you wish to avail yourself of this facility, please tick the "Other" Box against Hotel Choice. A separate form will then be sent to you in December 1983, when a fresh supply of brochures has been printed by the Brighton Tourist Board, with the current rates. The Brighton Tourist Board have agreed to handle these bookings for us, so this special form should be sent direct to them and not to Mr Bishop.

On the other hand, there are a number of de-luxe Suites in the Metropole and Bedford Hotels in which delegates to the World SF Conference can stay. Details of these are available from Mr Bishop.

Please note that confirmations of bookings in the Metropole and Bedford Hotels will not be sent to you until late in January 1984, and that each delegate is personally responsible for their own hotel account.

### ADVERTISING

World SF will be publishing a special Commemorative Programme Book for the 1984 World SF Professionals' Conference, for which advertising will be accepted. Copies of the book will be sent to all members of World SF after the Conference, and so it offers an ideal opportunity for people and organisations which offer specialised services to the various fields of science fiction endeavour: Agents, Translators, Artists etc. to publicise their services. Details and advertising rates are available either from your national Secretary of World SF or Gerald Bishop in England.

### THE SCIENCE FICTION LUNCH CLUB

The Science Fiction Lunch Club, described in Newsletter No 8, have said that they will hold a special luncheon in April 1984 to celebrate the World SF Conference and Eurocon. We are not yet sure of details, but the special luncheon may be held in London just before or after our meetings, or they may travel down to Brighton to join us in the Metropole Hotel during the World SF Conference. Wherever we dine, London or Brighton, a pleasant time will be had by all!!

Further details will be given in our Progress Report 2, which we will be sending to attending members in February.

## BOOK EXHIBITION

Seacon '84 will be featuring the traditional Eurocon Book Display, of books from all the countries of Europe. This time, with World SF participating, it is being extended to include the whole world. The exhibition will be seen by delegates to the World SF and European Conventions who will be coming from many countries. After the exhibition, the books donated for the display will be presented to the Science Fiction Foundation at the North-East London Polytechnic, where they will form the core of a collection of international science fiction.

The National Secretaries of World SF should be circulating a letter about the exhibition to all publishers in their Country, but if you have not received a copy, please send some of your books for the display to:

World SF Book Exhibition, Seacon '84, 78 Somerset Road, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4NW, England. to arrive by 1 April 1984.

## ART SHOW

The Seacon '84 Art Show will be an integral part of the Convention and provides an unrivalled opportunity to bring together works from all parts of the SF world. The Art Show will be a stimulating experience for both the connoisseur and the casual viewer. We hope to be able to show the works of artists not normally seen in Britain. Not only will there be facilities for hanging original canvasses by visiting artists, but slides of paintings by artists unable to bring canvasses with them, or artists who cannot come will be able to be projected onto special screens in the Art Show room. The Netherlands section of World SF are already arranging for a special feature on Dutch Artists. Artists wishing to display work should contact the Seacon '84 Art Show Organiser: Pete Lyon, 33 Haddon Place, Leeds, LS4 2JU, England.

## US TRAVEL AGENT

Bernie Rose, of Trans World Travel Services, 1338 Old Skokie Road, Highland Park, IL 60035, USA (tel (312) 831-5050) has agreed to assist members from North America with their travel arrangements. Mr Rose's travel services were described in glowing terms by Elizabeth Anne Hull in Newsletter No 8, and he will be doing his best for members wishing to come to Brighton in 1984. By the way, there is a direct train service from Gatwick Airport to Brighton, from Heathrow Airport, you will have to travel into London to make the connection. Full details of how to get to the Hotels in Brighton from all parts of Britain will be printed in Seacon '84's Progress Reports, which will be sent to attending members.

## MEMBERSHIP RATES

### World SF Professionals' Conference:

Attending Membership: £ 3.50.

### Seacon '84:

Supporting Membership: £ 3.50

Attending Membership (Until 30 November 1983) £ 7.00

(Until 31 January 1984) £ 8.00

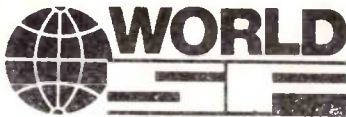
(Until 1 April 1984) £10.00

(at Door) £12.00

For details of equivalent rates in other currencies and names of Seacon '84 Representatives, please see the back page of the enclosed Seacon '84 Progress Report.

UK Membership Secretary: Pauline Morgan, 321 Sarehole Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, B28 0AL, England.

World SF Professionals' Conference Secretary: Gerald Bishop, World SF, Aardvark House, 2 Cowper Road, Cambridge, CB1 3SN, UK.



WORLD SF PROFESSIONALS' CONFERENCE 1984  
BRIGHTON, ENGLAND, 17-23 APRIL 1984  
HOTEL BOOKING FORM

**THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FICTION  
ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONALS**

This is the official World SF Professionals' Conference 1984 Hotel Booking Form, which should be completed by all members wishing to attend the conference and Seacon '84. Bookings for the Metropole and Bedford Hotels will only be accepted on this form. The completed form should be sent to Gerald Bishop as soon as possible.

There is a range of alternative accomodation available in Brighton in Guest Houses from approximately £6 per night up to £36 per night in other Hotels. If you wish to stay other than in the Metropole or Bedford Hotels, please tick the 'other' box against Hotel choice and a seperate brochure and form will be sent to you in December 1983.

Guidance Notes:

Hotel Choice: Please tick the Hotel required, bearing in mind that the Metropole Hotel is the main Convention Hotel, but that in-room tea and coffee making facilities are only available in the Bedford Hotel.

Room Choice: Please tick the type of room required. If you wish to share a Double or Twin room, please give the name of the person you will be sharing with. Only one form should be sent in for each room. A number of de-luxe Suites are available in both main Hotels. Please write to Mr Bishop for details of these.

Nights: Please tick the nights you wish to stay in the Hotel.

Room Rates: The Room Rates for the Convention Hotels are:

Metropole Hotel: Single Room: £17.25. Double/Twin: £16.10.Sharing  
Bedford Hotel: Single Room: £16.10. Double/Twin: £14.95.Sharing

These rates are per person, per night, inclusive of full Buffet English Breakfast and Value Added Tax. The rates will only be changed if VAT is changed.

Special Requirements: Please indicate any special requirements you may have. The 'Quiet Area' of the Hotels will be reserved for members who wish to avoid the noise of any parties.

Name and Address: Please fill in... and remember to sign and date the form.

Membership fees: Please fill in your World SF and Seacon membership numbers, if known, or fill in the amount of membership fees paid (for both the World SF Conference and Seacon '84, as described in the Progress Reports enclosed) with the date and the name of the person you paid your fees to.

General Requirements:

Guiding/Translating: If you are willing to help anyone visiting Seacon '84 by interpreting the odd question for them, please indicate the languages you can help with. Book Room: If you wish to sell books in the Seacon '84 Book Room, please indicate the amount of space you would like. Dealers selling non-English language SF will be able to take a table at a reduced rate or free of charge.

Creche: There will be creche facilities for young children during Seacon '84. Please indicate the number and ages of any children you are bringing.

Booking Deadline:

The form should be completed and returned as soon as possible to Gerald Bishop, World SF, Aardvark House, 2 Cowper Road, Cambridge, CB1 3SN, England to arrive, if possible, by 1 January 1984. No rooms will be allocated before that date. Hotel confirmations will be sent out at the end of January. The main Hotels are liable to be filled before the first allocation. If you return your form late, we will not be able to guarantee the room or Hotel of your choice. The Postmark on your envelope will be used to determine priority.



WORLD SF PROFESSIONALS' CONFERENCE 1984  
 BRIGHTON, ENGLAND, 17-23 APRIL 1984  
 HOTEL BOOKING FORM

Please reserve a Hotel room for me for the World SF Professionals' Conference and Season '84 as follows:

Please tick  the box for your choice.

**HOTEL:** METROPOLE  BEDFORD  OTHER \*

\*If 'other' is ticked, a separate brochure and form will be sent.

**ROOM:** SINGLE  DOUBLE \* TWIN \* SUITE @

\*DOUBLE/TWIN: Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Member NO \_\_\_\_\_

@Details of SUITES will be sent on application.

**NIGHTS:** TUESDAY 17  WEDNESDAY 18  THURSDAY 19   
 FRIDAY 20  SATURDAY 21  SUNDAY 22  MONDAY 23

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

I wish a room in the 'Quiet Area' of the Hotel

I require a child's cot in my room

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**POSTCODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

World SF Member No: \_\_\_\_\_ Season '84 Member No: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fees of \_\_\_\_\_ (sum) paid on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

Each member of World SF and Season '84 is personally responsible for their own Hotel bill. World SF and Season '84 cannot accept any responsibility for failure to observe this ruling.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Guiding/Translating: I am willing to help visitors to Britain, and will wear a badge saying that I can speak: \_\_\_\_\_ (Languages)

Book Room: I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ (no) tables in the Book Room at £10.00 each.

Creche: I wish to enter \_\_\_\_\_ (no) children of \_\_\_\_\_ (ages) in the Creche (Friday to Monday only)

**Note:** The first allocation of Rooms will take place on January 1, 1984. Hotel confirmations will be sent out at the end of January.

Please return this form as soon as possible, to: **GERALD BISHOP, WORLD SF, 2 COWPER ROAD, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 3SN, ENGLAND.**

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