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The Next Race - Jim Mowatt

It's time once again for the mighty TAFF machine to swing into action and find at least two candidates to slug it out in the fannish arena for their chance to represent fellow fans on the far side off the Atlantic. This time, however, we have a bit of a twist for you. We will be switching the direction of the race to coincide with the latest slew of actual and potential Worldcons. This has been a difficult decision that has involved much midnight oil burning and several strong exchanges of views. We dearly love having the opportunity to send delegates to Eastercon and there was also a splendid offer of providing a place for a TAFF delegate at the next Eurocon at Barcelona. All of these options were weighed in the balance and absolutely none of them were found wanting. We were in the enviable position of having a large number of positives from which to choose. We eventually decided that the advantage that Worldcon gives in providing access to the largest number of fans slightly tipped the decision in their favour. Because of this we have switched the direction of the races so that they coincide with Kansas City in 2016 and Helsinki in 2017. The next race will be from East (Europe) to West (North America). The next candidate will be from Europe and will hopefully attend MidAmericon II in Kansas City in August 2016. The nomination period is open now and will end on midnight (GMT), on the 11th of December. The chairs of the next two Worldcons have agreed to provide accommodation and membership for their conventions and we humbly thank them for doing so. This now means that we are asking you, the fannish community, to find some really great TAFF

candidates for the next race. Talk to us (Nina, Curt and myself) about potential candidates and we'll help you organise nominators and TAFF platforms.

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If you wish to run for TAFF 2016 you must:

Be nominated by three European science fiction fans.

Be nominated by two North American science fiction fans.

Submit a written platform not exceeding 101 words.

Post a bond of £15 (GBP) or 20 Euros.

You must also be able to travel to the 2016 SF Worldcon which will be held August 17th to 21st in Kansas City and commit to write a trip report.

Nominations, bond and platform to be received by midnight (GMT) 11th December 2015.

Go to Dave Langford's excellent taff.org.uk page to see examples of past candidate platforms.

And if you're wondering what on earth I'm still doing hanging around in the TAFF admin room. Curt has asked me to stick around for a bit to help out.

Nina in North America

Nina Horvath had an excellent time in North America visiting many fans and being the cause of an abundance of parties.

She landed in Seattle and went to a pre Worldcon convention called Prologue. Nina then went on to Spokane for Sasquan, the 73rd World Science Fiction Convention where she was a great hit presenting the Hugo Fan Awards.



She then went on a long road trip, down to California visiting San Leandro and San Bruno. Here's a picture of Nina with a famous landmark and a most excellent shirt.



Her next stop was in Las Vegas where they treated her to another non stop round of parties and excitement.

Alan White designed some excellent

badges for her.



The last stop was Toronto where they also did parties and at this one it looks like they were trying to break the world record for most number of SF fans ever squished on to a staircase.



Congrats Nina on a great trip and welcome to the Admin team

Jim Mowatt