

TAFF WORLD

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	Europe	North America	Totals
Anna Raftery	69	25	94
Wolf von Witting	56	26	82
No Preference	4	10	14
	129	61	190

1 Rest of the world in European votes

A Winner is Announced

By the slenderest of margins in a very hard fought contest Anna Raftery is declared this year's winner and will now become the TAFF delegate to North America. Anna will be visiting North America later this year to attend MidAmeriCon II and hopefully visiting some other fannish abodes. Many congratulations and a warm welcome to our new TAFF delegate.

Many commiserations to Wolf who was a brilliant candidate and has done an incredible amount of work amongst fans from many countries to raise the profile of TAFF in continental Europe. As Nina will testify, the fan fund isn't very well known in some parts of Europe so it can be quite difficult to engage your fellow fans if they aren't very familiar with the TransAtlantic Fan Fund. Wolf moved mountains and came within just 12 votes of claiming the prize. A stunning campaign and a monumental achievement. In many other years the number of votes he managed to get would have taken him comfortably to the victory podium. Wolf, we salute you.

Anna Raftery

Wow.

I think this is all I have been able to think since I found out I won TAFF.



This has been a seriously close race, and I think the reason is that Wolf and I have so many people who believed in us both, and many of them had to make the hard choice between us.



I am so honoured and overwhelmed by the number of people who voted for me, and who showed their support online and in person. I only hope that I can live up to their expectations. The fact I get to go has not sunk in yet, but I am already so excited to meet my extended fannish community in North America!

I have been active in fandom for over 15 years, and my most rewarding and stressful experiences have been working in support of its continuation while on committees or working on programme. I look forward to not only representing European fandom at MAC II, but also working to continue the TAFF as administrator when I get back.

So thank you again, particularly to Claire Brialey, John Coxon, Gareth Kavanagh, David Weingart and Chris O'Halloran. I literally could not have done this without you.

Wow.

Wolf von Witting



82 voters are disappointed, of course. There may be a handful who regret they didn't vote. But don't beat yourselves up about it. It would not have made any difference. We did all we could and the fine result is warming in itself. Thank you, all!

I have no intention of standing for TAFF

again. Time is not skewing the odds in my favor. I have to deliver the dawn to a Moulin Rouge on another horizon. To Anna I wish most of all a safe journey. It will be amazing. Let nothing dampen your joy. A smile and a cheerful disposition gets you far, and further beyond.

European Voters

Lissa Allcock, Johan Anglemark, Marin Floria Anca, Saija Aro, James Bacon, Andrew Barton, Liz Batty, Square Bear, Gabriele Behrend, Bellis, Imants Belogrivs, Sandra Bond, Claire Brialey, Steven Cain, Patrik Centerwall, Nicola Clark, Eddie Cochrane, Barbara Comelli, Carol Connolly, John Coxon, Tomas Cronholm, Deborah Crook, John Dallman, Anna Davour, Jim de Liscard, Kylie Ding, Kerstin Droege-Macdonald, Roger Earnshaw, Sue Edwards, Tony Elgenstierna, Jessica Elgenstierna, Jonathan Ely, Jan van 't Ent, Marie Engfors, Ahrvid Engholm, Hisham El Far, Luis Filipe Silva, Andreas Gustafsson, Dave Haddock, Ronald Hahn, Jukka Halme, Niall Harrison, Eve Harvey, John Harvey, Andrew Hogg, John-Henri Holmberg, Nina Horvath, Valerie Housden, Malcolm Hutchison, Emma J King, Rob Jackson, Rhodri James, Emily January, Janne Johansson, Gareth Kavanagh, Gwen Knighton, Radoslaw Kot, Gerard Kraus, Nicolas Krizan, Matthew Kunkel, Carolina Gómez Lagerlöf, Christina Lake, Dave Lally, Dave Langford, David Lascelles, Eugen Lenghel, Martin Lewis, Katja Lindblom, Olov Livendahl, Peter Mabey, Cristina Macia, Vanessa May, Aileen Meek, Meike, Farah Mendlesohn, Dan Milburn, Catherine Morrison, Carrie Mowatt, Caroline Mullan, Karl-Johan Norén, Therese Norén, Omega, Fionna O'Sullivan,



Michael Pargman, Anders Perner, Mihaela Perkovic, Mark Plummer, Robert Quaglia, Joe Raftery, Thomas Rectenwald, Mike Richards, Monica Ringheim, Hermann Ritter, Ben Roimola, Sten Rosendahl, Alison Scott, Thomas Sebesta, James Shields, Roger Sjolander, Graham Sleight, Chantelle Smith, Luke Smith, Douglas Spencer, Rolf Strömngren, Mårten Svantesson, Melissa Taylor, Cathie Taylor, Teddy, Sten Thaning, Nat R. Titman, Samm Thompson, Anders Tolfmark, Colin Tuckley, Peter Tyers, Hermann Urbanek, Kees van Toorn, Alfred Vejchar, Jenny Wade, Magnus Wahlström, A Walker, Magnus Westerlund, Malgorzata Wilk, Peter Wilkinson, Tricia Williams, Wolf von Witting, Fredric von Witting, Tom Womack and Shana Worthen.

North American Voters

David Axler, Tracy Benton, John D. Berry, Jackie Bowin, C. Morva Bowman, Warren Buff, Bill Burns, Mary Burns, Randy Byers, Jack Calvert, Rich Coad, Wesley Crowell, redacted, Jennifer Farey, Nic Farey, Doug Faunt, Jane Garthson, Mike Glycer, Anne Gray, John Hardin, Elisa Hertel, John Hertz, Crystal Huff, Lucy Huntzinger, Lenora Jean Jones, Jerry Kaufman, Morris Keesan, Michael Kennedy, Michelle Lee, Hope Leibowitz, Robert Lichtman, Chris Marble, Gary Mattingly, Rich McCallister, Amy McNally, Jacqueline Monahan, Murray Moore, James Murray, Ulrika O'Brien, Christina O'Halloran, Lloyd Penney, Curt Phillips, Liz Phillips, Andy Porter, Anders Reutersward, España Sheriff, Joseph Shoji, Ian Stockdale, Geri Sullivan, Katrina Templeton, Diana Thayer, David Thayer, Alan Thiesen, Suzanne Tompkins, R-Laurraine Tutihasi, Leane Verholst, David Weingart, George Wells, Linda Wenzelburger, Robert Wynne and Joel Zakem.

Rest of the World

Janice Gelb (says she's lived in Australia for 10 years now so is definitely a rest of the worlder).

Curt Phillips

The 2016 TAFF race was a great one right from the start in that there was no wrong choice. Both Anna and Wolf were very qualified and highly worthy fans who would each make a great TAFF Delegate, and obviously the voters agreed because we had a very large participation in the voting this year. As an Administrator I couldn't have asked for a better race. I believe that TAFF is one of the finest and most satisfying institutions that exists in fandom, and the way both candidates conducted their races amply demonstrates that fandom is alive, well, and is all set to reinvigorate our fannish subculture for years to come. Anna, congratulations on becoming the 2016 TAFF Delegate. I believe that you are going to have one of the great experiences of your life, and I bet you'll discover as I did on my trip that there is no better way to attend a Worldcon than as a TAFF Delegate.

My congratulations also to Wolf von Witting for conducting a magnificent TAFF race. You have already stated, Wolf, that you don't plan to run again. I understand how you might be feeling about that. I also ran for two TAFF races and didn't win, and that second time I also declared that I was done; that I'd never run again. At that time I meant it too, just as I'm sure that you mean it now. But for whatever reason I eventually decided to give it one more try and with a lot of help from some very good friends I got to make my TAFF trip in 2014. It was one of the



best experiences of my life, and so when a little time has passed I'll ask you to reconsider and make a third try for TAFF. I was glad that I'd changed my mind, and I suspect that you would be too...

But that's for the future. For now, ANNA RAFTERY: you're the 2016 TAFF Delegate! North American fandom is ready to welcome you on your TAFF trip, and fandom worldwide is already looking forward to seeing your trip through your eyes when you produce your TAFF Trip Report. MidAmeriCon II: here comes Anna!

Jim Mowatt

So, thank you to everyone who took part in this TAFF race. We had two great candidates and support for them from so many different places. The last day of the voting was absolutely frantic. Votes were coming in every few minutes during those final few hours. Curt and I were chatting over Skype as we bashed away at the keyboards and tried to keep up with the furious pace of voting. Social media has made so much of a difference, it seems. Someone can whip up their support and it can respond instantly. It is a different world to that in which TAFF came into being. We lose something there in that the slower pace of activity then may have allowed more time for reflection but we gain by being able to do something now that has an immediate effect. It's a very exciting world indeed.

Nina Horvath

First of all I am happy that we got so many votes – for both Wolf and Anna. If the TAFF were a person, he or she would most

likely already be retired. But with those great candidates we had there is no way that TAFF can slow down!

It had been a really tight race and I see the result with a tear in one eye and a smile in the other.

So my words towards Wolf: I know you didn't have an easy start as there had not been a lot of TAFF winners outside the UK and the US – who could know it better than an Austrian? You stated that you won't run for TAFF again what I totally understand. But you could probably consider to run for our sister fanfund GUFF. The last two European winners were from continental Europe, so some sort of pioneer work is already done there. The fanfunds are working together closely, so we are also happy if they have exciting races.

And my words towards Anna: First of all, you are the winner. You deserve it and please enjoy!

This will most likely be something you will experience once in a lifetime, so open a bottle of sparkling wine or dance a jig or whatever you do celebrating a special occasion. But be aware of the fact that winning TAFF is not a minor thing. We want you at Worldcon, but consider that the TAFF has the means to bring you far beyond, before, and after, everywhere within North America.

The TAFF is a network, so we have a lot of fellow fans helping you plan your trip. And last, but not least: Congratulations, Anna!