

SUMMARY OF EUROPEAN TAFF ACCOUNTS, late 2022 to late 2025

Fia Karlsson won the 2022 TAFF race to North America and became the European administrator on her return in September 2022. Sandra Bond won the 2023 race to North America and took the lead on administrator duties in Europe on her return in August 2023. Mikołaj Kowalewski won the 2025 race to North America and is similarly taking on administrator duties in Europe from November 2025, following his return.

European TAFF funds are raised in several currencies. A UK TAFF bank account was set up in 2004 to handle sterling funds when the European administrator lived in Ireland. Claire Brialey resumed day-to-day management of this account in 2018 when the TAFF administrator was not based in the UK; in 2021 she became responsible for managing the European PayPal account as well. She continued this support for Fia and Sandra and is now doing so for Mikołaj.

Claire prepared a summary of TAFF fundraising and spending in the European treasury from 2019 to late 2022 (after Fia's trip but before the start of the 2023 westbound race), to provide information about the state of the fund in Europe. This summary continues reporting on TAFF finances held in Europe during Fia's and Sandra's administration.

Starting balances (1 October 2022): £10,976.96 and €24.83

Fundraising

	from Oct 2022		to end August 2023				Totals			
	£	€	£	€	kr	US\$	£	€	kr	US\$
Voting fees, race donations, bonds	111.05	46.69	548.86	158.20		172.31*	659.91	204.89		172.31
UK Eastercon			825.33				825.33			
Eurocon (Sweden)			89.94**		74.17**		89.94		74.17	
Trip report sales			150.92				150.92			
TAFF free ebooks			31.50				31.50			
Paper book editions	187.21		241.18				428.39			
Other donations			117***				17			
Total	298.26	46.69	2,004.73	158.20	74.17	172.31	2,302.99	204.89	74.17	172.31
(PayPal fees)	9.95	3.31	19.48	17.84	**	12.18	29.43	21.15	**	12.18
(SumUp fees)			10.32				10.32			

Notes

* Some voting fees from US voters were paid into the European PayPal account due to difficulties with the North American PayPal account at the time; some were converted to sterling or euros but some came as they were.

** Eurocon fundraising included PayPal transactions from several currencies into sterling and (mostly, of course) Swedish kronor, some of which was for NOFF rather than TAFF and was later transferred. In total this lost both some specified fees but also unidentified amounts in conversion; it's not clear either what these amounts were or how they might have been allocated between funds, and so the nett totals only are noted here.

*** Includes £15 for Wolverine smut; *anything* can be fundraising...

Some of this was reported at the time money was raised. Among all the generosity supporting this fundraising it's particularly worth noting the work of Dave Langford and other editors on the TAFF free ebooks and their paper editions, and everyone who contributes money, items and time to support fundraising.

Spending (Sandra's trip)

Travel	Accommodation	Food/subsistence	Tourism/trips	Charges	Other	Total
£3,286.21	£1,166.24	£656.33	£92.78	£130.69	£517.14 (including Diversicon membership)	£5,849.39

In addition, Sandra received and used while on her trip – with thanks to all who contributed – US\$300 cash from the North American treasury (collected by former administrator Geri Sullivan from FANAC, for three trip report bounties paid in 2023), US\$70 cash donations (from Andy Porter and Gary Farber), and CAN\$60 raised in the Pemmi-Con fan fund auction. Otherwise Sandra's trip did not trouble the North American side of the fund.

European TAFF balances at 31 August 2023: £7,430.56 and €229.72 and US\$172.31 and 74.17 kr

Fundraising

	from Sept 2023		2024			2025 to October		Totals		
	£	€	£	€	kr	£	€	£	€	kr
Voting fees, race donations, bonds			385.59	85.84		500.61	218.42	886.20	304.26	
Direct fundraising			33			71.62		104.62		
Worldcon			2,464.48					2,464.48		
UK Eastercons			400			300		700		
Auctions etc. at other conventions			135.82		650.14	177.06	5	312.88	5	650.14
Trip report sales			22.29					22.29		
TAFF free ebooks	25.31		37.02			74.87	4.44	137.20	4.44	
Paper book editions			967.05			528.83		1,495.88		
Special art sale						120		120		
Other donations			424.26			99.53		523.79		
Total	25.31		4,869.51	85.84	650.14	1,872.52	227.86	6,767.34	313.70	650.14
<i>(nett of PayPal fees)</i>	<i>1.69</i>		<i>18.85</i>	<i>4.16</i>	<i>31.26</i>	<i>27.92</i>	<i>21.89</i>	<i>48.46</i>	<i>26.07</i>	<i>31.26</i>
<i>(nett of card fees)</i>			<i>20.63</i>			<i>7.29</i>		<i>27.92</i>		

Notes

- \$172.31 held in TAFF PayPal was converted to sterling in the bank account in September 2024 for ease of use and avoiding further currency variation. US or other dollars are still cheerfully accepted via PayPal, though.
- As well as the usual fundraising at conventions, a donation from the 2023 Eastercon, Conversation's, surplus as they closed their accounts in 2024 was very welcome.
- Direct fundraising in both 2024 and 2025 represented sales at the Eastercon of a sampler Sandra had created of her various works.
- In 2025 European GUFF administrator Alison Scott worked with Jim Burns on a private sale of a piece of his art which had been donated to the fan funds; she split the proceeds with TAFF and DUFF.
- The continued efforts of Dave Langford, in particular, in both fundraising and administrative support for TAFF are beyond compare; we remain grateful for all contributions of money, stuff, and time and effort.

Spending

The vast majority of TAFF funds used for Sarah's trip in 2024 came from the North American treasury, the exception being an extra night's accommodation at the Worldcon.

£5,000 was advanced to Mikołaj to cover his initial estimates of international and other travel, plus the range of his trip expenses after having arrived in the USA (in four instalments, with relevant bank charges). The summary of spending is set out below, with a rounded sterling conversion for comparison to the original transfers, with Mikołaj holding the US\$100 remaining. His trip did not draw on the North American part of the fund.

	Travel	Accommodation	Food/beer	Tourism/trips	Charges	Other	Total
2024		£160					£160
2025	\$2,555 [£1,935]	\$860 [£650]	\$2,600 [£1,970]	\$300 [£225]	£40	\$185 [£145] £25 (printing ballots)	£4,990

European TAFF balances at 31 October 2025:

£9,109.40
 €543.42 (including €4 cash)
 724.31 kr
 US\$100