

TAFF Line

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The Race To Reno: Final Stage

We're now exactly two weeks from the close of 2011's TransAtlantic Fan Fund race, with four candidates – Graham Charnock, John Coxon, Liam Proven, Paul Treadaway – vying for the honour of representing European science fiction fandom at Renovation, the sixty-ninth World SF Convention, in Reno, Nevada, over the weekend of 17-21 August.

We've already received more than 130 ballots, but voters have until midnight GMT on Tuesday 26 April to choose their preferred candidate (that's 7pm EST, 4pm PST). This will allow last-minute voting in person at Illustrious, this year's Eastercon (you'll find the ballot box in the dealers' room, on the Cold Tonnage table).

You can read the candidates' platforms and download a copy of the ballot form at the official TAFF website, taff.org.uk, which also includes instructions for voting via PayPal and an outline of the Fund's 57-year history.

Fundraising Chapbook To Be Launched At Eastercon

Last year, Roz Kaveney wrote a sequence of fourteen sonnets to honour the memory of her friend, 1993 TAFF delegate Abigail Frost.

Roz will be performing these poems for the first time at Eastercon, and also selling a limited-edition 14pp chapbook containing all fourteen sonnets (trade format, colour cover) for a donation to TAFF of at least £6.00: "In her last years, it was always Abigail's intention - frustrated by her physical and mental health - to find a way of repaying the TAFF money her bank took from her account."

Our thanks to Roz for putting together this generous project.

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