



TAFffLINE

THE NEWSLETTER

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THE FAN FUND AUCTION

Worldcons oftentimes have an auction to benefit the fan funds, and we've decided to do another one. If you're at Worldcon, you're reading this and you have some fannish tat that might appeal to a fan, please do consider donating it to the fan funds (you can even specify which one, if you'd like to!). Proceeds will go to whichever funds have items to auction – obviously, the TAFff administrators would appreciate it if people donated items to TAFff but just having enough stuff to make it a good time is the important part.

In case you need persuading, we have included a rather snazzy photograph of Alison Scott modelling a rather nice piece of *Doctor Who* merchandise that was sold at the fan fund auction held at the Eastercon that Jacq attended on her TAFff trip.



Jacq writes: "Murray Moore has volunteered to be the FF Auction coordinator/auctioneer. Chris Garcia has offered to be the 'me' at the auction, since I can't attend. Two terrific men." As well as the very Revd. Dr. Christopher J. Garcia, TAFff will be represented by John, who is shirking his responsibilities as

**The Fan Fund Auction.
Chicon 7. Fan Lounge.
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European administrator by attending a Worldcon on the wrong continent. John will be helping to sell items at the auction, which promises to be a good laugh and also promises to feature British accents.

The current European GUFF administrator, James Shields, will be at Chicon 7 promoting Shamrokon, the Eurocon which will be held in Dublin in 2014. As such, the Going Under Fan Fund (which goes between Europe and Australasia) will also be represented at the fan fund auction.

THE 2013 TRIP

Since the 2012 trip is over, it's inevitable that we begin looking at the 2013 trip and what the timetable looks likely to be. The next TAFff trip will be a race to the 2013 Worldcon, LoneStarCon III, which is to be held in San Antonio, Texas between 29th August and 2nd September.

The current plan (which is still provisional):

9th November 2012:	Nominations open.
31st December 2012:	Nominations close. Voting period opens.
Mid April 2013:	Voting period ends.
29th August 2013:	Worldcon takes place.

This means that nominations are set to open at Novacon 42, which will be held at the Park Inn in Nottingham, England between 9th November and 11th November 2012. Nominations will remain open until the end of 2012, and then the voting period will be open from the beginning of the new year until some point in April 2013 (allowing candidates to campaign at the 2013 Eastercon, EightSquaredCon, in Bradford).

If you'd like to run for TAFff and you're an active European fan, please do consider gathering some nominations and taking part. If you have any questions or queries, you can email either administrator who will be more than happy to answer questions and assuage any doubts you might have. Running means placing a small bond to confirm you will attend Worldcon, and you'll need three European fans and two North American fans to nominate you.

If you're a North American/European fan who doesn't want to run but is interested in taking part, you can also email the administrators for information about plugging the fund and also about becoming a nominator. Please do get in touch.

Please note that all the dates in the above timetable are currently estimates and things may change between the time of writing and the time of racing. The most up-to-date information is always available in the latest issue of the TAFff newsletter or on www.taff.org.uk.

THE 2011 TRIP (YES, STILL)

John has accepted the title of Deputy Division Head of Publications, should the London in 2014 Worldcon bid win its bid at Chicon 7, and has also become involved with another publishing project outside of fandom. He will be trying his best to get a trip report out for Novacon 42 and the start of nominations, but fully expects to actually have the report ready in time for EightSquaredCon.

John figures that, given the track record of previous TAFff candidates, producing a trip report within two years will be an achievement in itself and he shouldn't worry too much about getting it done as long as it's done within his tenure as administrator.

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