



# The Port Authority

News at Interaction

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## The Armadillo Is Go

All fans were thoroughly briefed on how to enjoy the Worldcon adventure, although our photographer got slightly confused, if not panicked, so alas no pictures of the procedures.

The WSFS Armadillo's captain, Kevin Standlee, stylishly informed us of the great plans ahead (also see the Inflight Magazine) and introduced Deb Geisler to hand over the Worldcon gavel to Colin Harris and Vince Docherty. Before welcoming the convention's guests, they asked us to celebrate the memory of KIM and Johannes, and all those that we have lost in the last 12 months, who'd have wanted to be remembered with happiness and not sadness. After introducing the Convention Guests that you've come here to enjoy, Bailie Alan Stewart for the Glasgow city council formally named the WSFS Armadillo that we're seeing off on her wonderful voyage in a few days.

Finally, we were warned about the Plokta pirates seen wandering the neighbourhood that might lure you away from the straight path to the stars with offers of Real Ale, Chocolate, Fanzines, et cetera. One wonders whether the reception after the naming ceremony effectively prevented a run past the Armadillo's dock to the infaMHouse place where the pirates are holed out.

## Get your Souvenir Book CD

After the Stargate installation, the CDs have made it to the Glasgow site. Take your CD voucher to Registration.



*Vince Docherty, Colin Harris and Deb Geisler being piped aboard*

## Party List - Thursday

9:30pm - Tolkien Society  
Hilton, Glendronach Room

Celebrate fifty years of *The Lord of the Rings* with fellow Tolkien fans from around the world; drink Real English Cider, English wine, and organic apple juice. This is your last chance to pre-register for Tolkien 2005 next week in Birmingham.

9pm - DC in 2011 Worldcon Bid  
Hilton, Oban Room

10pm - 50 Years of Science  
Fiction Club Deutschland Party  
Ballroom 1, Hilton Hotel

See the Convention Guide for a complete list, also see the Party Board near the Departure Lounge entrance for any late additions.

Get-Up-and-over Fan Fund delegates Damien Warman and Juliette Woods from Australia seek fans from Riga, Berlin, Paris and Ljubljana.

Contact [guff2005@gmail.com](mailto:guff2005@gmail.com).

## Call For Volunteers—all areas

Got a spare hour or two? Volunteers are needed for a variety of fun jobs around the convention. Drop by the Gopher Hole/Volunteer Desk in the middle of Hall 2 to sign-up.

## Tickets Available

Plenty of GamerZ tickets left back at the information desk – reception at 7pm, film from 8pm.

## NEWSFLASH!!!

The Ceilidh is on TONIGHT at 8pm, not Saturday!

## More Ribbons!

Friends of the 2005 Bid – we have ribbons available at the Info Desk for you.

## Overheard

A mother, arms full of registration stuff, notices her little son twirling on his butt on the floor.

"Get up off there and stop making an exhibition of yourself!"

"But Mum, it's the Exhibition Centre!"

(As ever, Newsletter is looking for more of these!)

### Denmark Eurocon 2007 Bid

For the first time in history, Denmark is bidding for Eurocon. Vote for this unique possibility to see what Danish fandom and old Copenhagen can offer fans in the rest of Europe. ESFS Eurocon meeting in Boisdale-2 Friday at 2pm. Be there!

### Calling All Chairs

Former and seated Worldcon chairs are invited to the Forth Room at 11:30am Sunday, after the WSFS Business Meeting Session, for the group photo op. Pick up your reminder sticker for your badge from the Programme Check-in Desk.

### Golden Duck Awards 2005

Golden Duck Awards for Excellence in Children's Science Fiction will be presented at 4:30pm Friday in M(Jura), for the following books:

Picture Book — **Science Verse**, by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Lane Smith (Viking)

Eleanor Cameron (Middle Grades) — **Supernaturalist**, by Eoin Colfer (Hyperion)

Hal Clement (Young Adult) — **Balance of Trade**, by Sharon Lee and Steve Miller (Meisha Merlin Publishing).

### Wireless Problems?

The wireless network at the SECC may cause problems. It's being resolved, but if you have issues go to the SECC Info Desk on the concourse for help.

Internet access in Cairncross House is via DHCP and use proxy 100.0.0.1:8080 (it's free!)

Ednun (a blind fan — 22) is hoping to meet fans his age, contact Cuddles/Electrical Eggs if you can help.

### Looking for a place to eat?

#### The Groat (pub)

Argyle and Haugh; 11am to Midnight (kitchen opens at noon). Free internet and Wi-Fi access. Very convenient if you're at one of the B&Bs in St Vincent Crescent.

#### The Crystal Palace

To order: grab a table, then order food at the bar. Food and cutlery are brought to the table. Large quiet non-smoking area on the upper floor. Service was prompt, recommend the fish & chips. Portions comparable to those in American restaurants. Children's menu until 7pm.

#### Mongolian BBQ

Khublai Khan, 26 Candleriggs, 4 blocks east of Glasgow Central Station, in Merchant City. Reservations are suggested (0141 552 5646). All-you-can-eat (including appetizer and dessert) for £19.99. Drinks extra. Appetizers include BBQ Yak Ribs and Zebra Enchiladas.

#### Little Mexico, no more

"Little Mexico" (page 114 of the program guide) now serves gourmet burgers. These burgers are very big, very messy, and very big. You can choose from beef (100% Scottish 10oz size), chicken, vegan, or veggie). Note to Californians: when they say "Avocado Relish", they mean Guacamole. Lots of drinks available too, of course. Burgers are £4.95-6.75.

### Concourse to Moat House

The elevator on the shortcut between the Concourse and the MH is not big enough for the scooters — you'll have to go outside to get from one to the other.

### Docent Tours

The Docent Tour preliminary schedule is now available; see the Information Desk. Tours of the Art Show, Fan Exhibits, and Worldcon itself start Friday 10am from Hall 2 or 3.

### Skeptical about YAFA events?

There's no need to be. The Young Adult Fun Activity area is in Hall 3, right next to the Dealer's room. Young fans of all ages signed up during initiation Thursday at noon to play computer games (some of them vintage) and their hair sprayed red, black or white. Many looked longingly at the inline skates, hockey sticks, water pistols, and other dangerous-sounding equipment cordoned off for future activities. YAFA inductees have selected to be part of either the "Brainwrong" team or the "Notright" team, with competitions and points to be wracked up over the course of the next week. Most young fans looked to be 10 to 15 years old.

Sitting to get her hair sprayed red was Kethry Dickson, from Romford in the United Kingdom. "It does wash out, doesn't it?" she asked. Indeed, she was assured, it is temporary. But the same can not be said for the peroxide used on the hair of James Bacon, one of the leaders. That little bit of fun will have to grow out.

