

# SEACON '79

37TH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION  
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Reply to:

## NOTES FOR PROGRAMME PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to Seacon. You should all have received from me a list of the events for which you are scheduled (or which we would be pleased to have you attend). In case it went missing, a copy is enclosed with these notes. Please check it against the timetable to ensure there are no discrepancies. (The printed programme is, of course, the definitive version.)

I am very grateful to you all for agreeing to take part in the programme. What we now need to do is to ensure, as far as humanly possible, that it runs properly. You will readily see from the programme that there is a heavy and tight schedule of events, and if it is not to degenerate into a shambles I am heavily dependent on you to turn up in time for the item(s) for which you are scheduled, and to make sure that items do not overrun.

Each standard timetable slot is one hour. In practice this means that an item should last approximately 50 minutes -- certainly no longer than 55 -- to allow time for audience changeover. Please remember this. It may mean cutting short interesting discussion in some cases -- a pity in some ways, but on the other hand it is perhaps best to leave an audience wanting more. Please remember that if each item were to overrun by only five minutes, by the end of the day we would be running 40 minutes late -- and the timetable is too crowded to permit this. Even if a programme item starts late, it will therefore have to finish at its appointed time, and will thus be truncated.

Detailed arrangements differ somewhat, depending upon which room an item takes place in, as follows:

### Hall 1

The running of the programme in Hall 1 is in the hands of a number of session chairmen, each of whom is responsible for a four-hour section of programme, as follows:

Thurs. 2-6pm	Peter Weston
Fri. 10-2pm	Robert Holdstock
Fri. 2-6pm	David Fringle

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Directors: Peter Weston (Managing) · John Steward (Secretary) · Kevin Williams (Operations)  
Malcolm Edwards · Leroy Kettle · Graham Charnock · Pat Charnock · Peter Roberts · Robert Jackson · Eve Harvey

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Sat. 10-2pm	Peter Nicholls
Sat. 2-6pm	Maxim Jakubowski
Sun. 10-2pm	Bob Shaw (the Scottish one)
Sun. 2-6pm	David Wingrove
Mon. 11-4pm	Malcolm Edwards with (Colin Lester

If you are appearing on the Hall 1 programme, we have made arrangements for you to meet beforehand with your session chairman (which will also allow an opportunity for panellists to meet and discuss their panel). If you are on a morning session (10-2pm), we have reserved tables -- in the name of the session chairman -- for you to meet at breakfast (compliments of the convention) in the Cameo Room from 9.00am. If you are on the afternoon programme, please come to the committee suite for drinks from 12.30pm. This is in room 108 at the Metropole. (If you are on the morning programme, please come for a lunchtime drink too).

If you unable to make the appropriate rendezvous, I would be grateful if you could, if possible, let myself or the session chairman know.

The front row seats in Hall 1 will be reserved for programme participants. Please try to be there at least ten minutes before your item is due to commence -- this will help minimize heart failure for the session chairman!

### Norfolk Room

We do not have enough people to set up a rota for session chairmen equivalent to that in Hall 1. If you are on the Norfolk Room programme I must therefore simply ask you to be sure to be there on time, and to make sure that your item does not overrun. Someone will be on hand to introduce you, but I am not able to give a rota for this in advance. Again, though, please come to the committee suite -- room 108 -- between 12.30 and 2pm on the appropriate day for drinks.

### County Suite

This applies only to author readings. Gale Burnick is unfortunately unable to attend Seacon, and thus will not be running the sessions. Gale tells me that Phyllis Eisenstein (hi, Phyllis!) has agreed to take over running at least part of the sessions, but I haven't been able to check this directly. Meanwhile, please present yourself at the County Suite at the appropriate time.

### A couple of final points

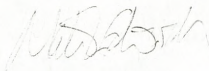
If you intend to use slides, it will of course be necessary to get them loaded on to a carousel (unless you bring them already loaded). Because the slide projectors are in fairly heavy demand, this should be done during the two hours preceding the item, by taking the slides to the convention operations room (in the corridor opposite Hall 3). If it needs to be done earlier for any reason, please go there at the latest feasible time during the daytime (10-6pm).



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If you are scheduled for a signing session, please go at the appropriate time to the book signing tables on the ground floor in Hall 3 (see plan on p.22 of the programme booklet).

Let me just end by saying that it looks like being a very interesting programme -- I only wish that I could attend more of it myself! -- and I'd like to thank you in advance for your help in making it successful. I look forward to seeing you during the weekend.



Malcolm Edwards

