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WORLD FANTASY 1983 UPDATE

The 1983 World Fantasy Convention will be held in Chicago the weekend of October 28-30, 1983. This second Progress Report is being sent 1982 Convention, as well as all members of the 1981 and 1982 Conventions. Enclosed with this booklet is the 1983 World Fantasy Awards Nominating Ballot. All members of these three conventions are eligible to nominate in all categories. Please fills of and return your ballot before the deadline given on the form.

As of March 1, 1983, the following professionals have indicated they will be attending this year's convention:

Jack Williamson Fritz Leiber Glen Cook Phyllis Eisenstein Gordon Dickson Sandra Miesel Karl Wagner David Morrell Alicia Austin Victoria Povser Peter Straub Philip Jose Farmer Don Maitz David Mattingly Roland Green Patricia Wrede P.C. Hodgell Marvin Kave Susan Dexter Martin H. Greenberg Jane Yolen Stuart Schiff Donald Wollheim John Covne Ramsey Campbell Alan Ryan Sharon Jarvis Ellen Kushner Whitley Strieber Tom Kidd Barclay Shaw Joe Haldeman Ed Bryant

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A convenient membership form is provided at the back of this booklet.

DEALER'S ROOM

The Dealer's Room is sold out. A listing of attending dealers and what they specialize in will be printed in the Program Book, along with a map of the dealer's room showing all locations. There will be a number of out-offs specialists as well as many small press publishers, art print dealers and new book sellers. Fine inewier van dealer will also be available.

BANQUET

The World Fantasy Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday afternoon. Robert Bloch will be the toastmaster (which alone is worth the price of the banquet!) and the 1983 World Fantasy Awards will be given at that time. The menu is:

Chilled Assorted Fruits
Tossed Chef's Salad
Sliced Roast Round of Beef, Bordelaise
Fondant Potato
Peas and Sauteed Mushrooms
Honey Glazed Carrots
Coffee, Tea or Milk
Marriot's Black Forest Torte

Price is \$20.00 per person. As with all such banquets, seating is limited and we have to know in advance how many people will be attending. Please use the handyl convention form at the back of this booklet to order your banquet tickets. The tickets will be given out at the registration desk of the convention. (A vegetarian menu is available if incessary. Please contact us for more information.)

THE HOTEL

The Chicago Marriott O'Hare, 8535 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, is the site for this year's convention. The hotel is located only a few minutes from O'Hare airport and offers free limo service to and from the airport. It is right off the Kennedy Expressway, making it easy to reach by car from anywhere in the midwest. And, the newly constructed O'Hare branch of the Chicago El makes the hotel easy to reach from (and easy to travel to) downtown Chicago.

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PUBLICATIONS

The convention will feature a Program Book with all the information necessary to have a good time at the Convention. Also free to all regular and supporting members will be a Souvenir Book. This 8½ x 11" paperbound book will feature full color covers by Rowena Morrill and 30,000 words of new material written for that book. Some highlights include "The Cat" by Gene Wolfe, a new story set in the time of the Book of the New Sun; "Willow He Walk" by Manly Wade Wellman; and articles by Jack Williamson and Robert Bloch on Welrd Tales. Other unique items have been commissioned and will make the Souvenir Book a unique collectible.

RARE BOOK AND ART AUCTION

This project has captured the interest of many attendees. Already lined up for this Sunday evening event is the original manuscript for Gene Wolfe's novel, PEACE. Other manuscripts are promised as well as signed proofs. There will be original art by Bok and Finlay, as well as rare fanzines and collectible books. Remember, this is an open auction, with any member of the convention able to submit material, with the convention only taking a small commission. For all necessary information, contact Bob Weinberg. (Auction items have to be registered in advance to keep everything running smoothly - and on time.)

ART SHOW

We will have nearly 4,000 square feet of display space for the art show, with excellent lighting, including track lights where necessary. There will be an art auction as well as the possibility of direct sales. Artists are asked to contact Greg Ketter at the convention address for more information.

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