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Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention

14-18 August 2014 at ExCeL, London Docklands

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### **Loncon 3 confirms Beijing and Kansas City as bidders for 2016 Worldcon**

LONDON, UK. 19 February 2014: Loncon 3, the 2014 World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon"), is pleased to announce the start of the process to select the host site for the 2016 Worldcon.

Two bids have formally filed to host the 74<sup>th</sup> Worldcon, which will be held in 2016. In alphabetical order, the bid locations are:

- Beijing, China: The Future Affairs Administration (未来事务管理局), an SF fan organization from China, proposes to hold the convention at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing from 14 -19 August 2016. The bid website is at <http://www.guokr.com/zone/worldcon/>.
- Kansas City, MO, USA: Mid American Science Fiction and Fantasy Conventions, Inc. (MASFFC), doing business as Kansas City in 2016, proposes to hold the convention at the H. Roe Bartle Hall and the Marriott-Muehlbach Hotel from 17-21 August, 2016. The bid website is at <http://kcin2016.org/>.

### **HOW TO TAKE PART**

All Adult and Young Adult Attending and Supporting members of Loncon 3 are eligible to take part in the site selection process.

Ballots may be submitted by postal mail or in person at the convention. Full information on the site selection process will be published shortly on the Loncon 3 website at [http://www.loncon3.org/2016\\_site\\_selection.php](http://www.loncon3.org/2016_site_selection.php) .

For further information about the site selection process, write to [site-selection@loncon3.org](mailto:site-selection@loncon3.org) .

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### **ABOUT THE WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION**

Founded in 1939, the World Science Fiction Convention is one of the largest international gatherings of authors, artists, editors, publishers, and fans of science fiction and fantasy. The annual Hugo Awards, the leading award for excellence in the fields of science fiction and fantasy, are voted on by the Worldcon membership and presented during the convention.

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[to Friends. Subject line: "Loncon 3: Upgrade Now To Beat The Rate Rise!"]

Hi there,

Thank you again for your support of Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention. We do hope that we will see you at the ExCeL Convention Centre in London's Docklands from Thursday 14th to Monday 18th August 2014, to celebrate science fiction and in particular the work of our Guests of Honour, Iain M Banks, John Clute, Chris Foss, Malcolm Edwards, Jeanne Gomoll, Robin Hobb and Bryan Talbot.

Please check our website – <http://www.loncon3.org> – to see the latest list of well-known writers, artists and others from within the science fiction community who will be attending. It's quite an array!

We wanted to let you know that the rates for full Adult Attending membership and Family membership of Loncon 3 will increase as of 1 March.

As a Friend of the London in 2014 bid, you still have a £45 discount for an Adult Attending membership. But there is only a little time to upgrade from your current Friend status to a full Attending membership at the present rate of £45, before that increases to £55.

To upgrade, simply go to [http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/membership\\_upgrade.php](http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/membership_upgrade.php) and fill in your details.

So, upgrade soon – and we will see you in August!

Steve Cooper and Alice Lawson  
Joint Chairs, Loncon 3

[to YA Friends. Subject line: "Loncon 3: Upgrade Now To Beat The Rush!"]

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We wanted to remind you that as a Young Adult Friend of the London in 2014 bid, you still have a £15 discount for a Young Adult Attending membership. It will cost you only £25 to upgrade and be able to attend the convention.

To upgrade, simply go to [http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/membership\\_upgrade.php](http://www.loncon3.org/memberships/membership_upgrade.php) and fill in your details.

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