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Loncon 3 Hugo Finalists To Be Announced Saturday 19 April

LONDON, UK. 15 April 2014: Loncon 3, the 72nd World Science Fiction Convention ("Worldcon"), is delighted to report that the finalists for this year's Hugo Awards and John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, and for the Retrospective ("Retro") Hugo Awards for 1939, will be announced on Saturday 19 April, starting at 8:30 p.m. BST.

We are also proud to announce that the number of nomination ballots received this year set a new response record. Participation in the Retro Hugos was also strong, and at least nine categories will feature on the ballot.

The nominations announcement will be live-streamed from Glasgow, using Ustream at www.ustream.tv/hugo-awards, and broadcast simultaneously at two conventions in the United States.

The shortlists will be published through the Loncon 3 website immediately afterwards.

Conventions taking part in the announcement are:

- Satellite 4, the British National Science Fiction Convention (Eastercon), in Glasgow, Scotland (8:30 p.m. BST).
- Norwescon 37, one of the Pacific Northwest's premier science fiction and fantasy conventions, in SeaTac, WA (12:30 p.m. PDT)
- Minicon 49, Minnesota's longest-running science fiction convention, in Bloomington, MN (2:30 p.m. CDT)

Nominations will also be released category by category via the Loncon 3 Facebook page at www.facebook.com/londonin2014 and the Loncon 3 Twitter feed at twitter.com/Loncon3.

Loncon 3 Co-Chair Alice Lawson said, "We are all delighted with the massive turnout, which confirms that interest in the Hugo Awards continues to grow to new heights."

Co-Chair Steve Cooper added, "Loncon 3 will also be the 75th anniversary of the first Worldcon in New York in 1939, and members of the convention will be able to celebrate the early days of science fiction as a genre."

After the announcement of the nominees, the final voting process will begin. Attending, Young Adult, and Supporting members of Loncon 3 will be able to cast final ballots up to 11:59 p.m. PDT on Thursday 31 July 2014.

The winners of the Retro Hugos will be announced on Thursday 14 August, and the 2014 Hugos on Sunday 17 August, during Loncon 3.

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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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