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Surprisingly the first ex of CF on this con was ready yesterday in the evening. So we can start the next one, telling you the feelings and impressions of fans who are here on this fine, big EuroCon.

Nina Horvath:

My first time in Ireland! The Eurocon this year is well-populated and it is easy to chat with people from many different countries, many of them even took the long way from outside Europe! The ESFS-meeting is over, now my job as a national delegate for this day is done and I rewarded myself at the cake party.

Peter De Weerd:

After working for registration in London for 65 hours not counting double time, once more I volunteered for working. People should think that I am mad, but I try to set up a very nice convention in Belgium. My dream is having a Worldcon in Belgium. So I will keep on working. For the meeting of ESFS we were all getting confused. Hope this will not repeated for the next ESFS meetings.

Martin Schneider:

Good morning, Dublin!  
 After the exhausting LONCON with at least 3 things to do in parallel I like the nice and smaller program - I identified enough topics for me and some great hours to relax and to enjoy the atmosphere of Dublin itself...  
 Like a big emperor said: May the games begin!!

Jürgen G. Marzi:

At the ESFS General Meeting Barcelona won against Wroclaw with 42 against 34 votes. Wroclaw Speaker Michael Mark Wnuk then annouced, that the Poles would like to run a Euroconference. This was agreed on with a big majority of the votes. He then announced Ian Watson, speaker for the Barcelona bid as their guest of honour!  
 IMHO this is the best outcome. So we will have a Euroconference in August 2016 in Wroclaw and a Eurocon in November in Barcelona.  
 I really like that since both presentations made want to visit these conventions. Now I can do that :-)))

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THE NEXT EUROCON (2015) WILL BE IN PETERSBURG (RUSSIA) .

THE EUROCON 2016 WILL BE IN B A R C E L O N A (SPAIN) .

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Jürgen G. Marzi:

The panel "Wearable Tech" was very interesting. Besides showing some of the newest gadgets the panelists brought along it was concluded that right now a lot of these gadgets are mere toys whereas the more serious uses, i.e. for medical purposes, may come up when this technology is more ubiquitous and thus cheaper to produce.

Two points are still problematic:

- a) the short battery life
- b) who owns the data the devices produce?

Charles Stross pointed out that devices will be wearable for a long time instead of being implanted. With technology advancing so fast no one will be interesting in having multiple operations just to have your gadgets updated.

I enjoyed the panel immensely.

Matthew:

Nice con, but very cold in here...

Gabriele Behrend:

I took seat in the panel "Back to couture" which was very interesting, but unfortunately not as futuristic as I hoped. The best idea was imho the holographic dress, suggested by Jay C. I would combine it with a jumpsuit made of smart textile, which keeps the warmth, cools, when it's hot and has the overall lotus-effect, so that it cleans itself while you're singing and dancing in the rain (sorry, I had 2 guinness) The holographic dress can change to whatever you like to wear, tuxedo, dress, hotpants or skirts and gives you the maximum freedom to express yourself. Because I think, that fashion will always be a personal statement of one's own personality. And I can't imagine, that we will look all the same in the future - neither near future nor far future.

Jürgen Lautner:

Viva la Catalonia - Congratulations to Barcelona. I love Tapas, La Rambla and the old center of the city. I think that even in November the weather is better than in northern Europe and I knew the most important words in Spanish: Una Cerveza por favor!

C U in 2016

PS: I hope that we will not sit in a refrigerator in the convention center like in Dublin or at Loncon 3. Save Energy: 21 °C is better!

PS 2: Are you familiar with data projectors and 3,5 mm stereo plugs?

Jürgen G. Marzi:

The presentation about St. Petersburg was interesting. I learned a lot about the venue and the hotels. The price for the main hotel is quite agreeable compared to the hotel prices for Loncon and Shamrokon. As St. Petersburg is a very exiting city I hope I can join that convention.

The presentation for Barcelona was also a very good one. Ian Watson was absent so Cristina did it all alone in a very charming way.

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KonFekt:

I think I need introducing - about 40% of the people here were saying "I love your books!", the other 60% asked "do you write books?"

-- Laura Anne Gilman at the beginning of the panel about pseudonyms