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E&M: ACTS & FACTS

We awaited snow here, and it came. Visiting Eremitage Thur morning we found out that all the proposals for St. Petersburg to have only 35 sunny day a year might be true, and we LOVE the strong wind here. So, we think we will have happy days here on EuroCon 2015!

Jürgen G. Marzi:

I was surprised, how smooth the ESFS General meeting ran. It ended nearly thirty minutes ahead of time. It is always nice when there is so much consent among the European fans. For the 2017 there was only one bid for the Eurocon - Dortmund. For 2018 there might be a bid from Amiens, France.

Ian Watson & Cristina Macia:

Visit the Barcelona Eurocon Table!! We are selling memberships for 1500 Roubles. We are very nice. We will give you a free pencil to write your name! ALSO we have free Spanish fuet sausage for you!

Kalin M. Nenov:

Warmest greetings from the Human Library and Terra Fantazia Association of SF Writers and Artists in Bulgaria! Looking for international partners? Or getting to know the Bulgarian SF scene? Or just staying somewhere in Sofia? Drop us a line at poslednorog@gmail.com!

Gabriele Behrend:

We presented our bid successfully - short version during ESFS Meeting longer version afterwards. Eudora, our little plush ladybear diplomat has supported us with her charming smile and will inform you on face-book about breaking news. One of them is: we have updated the website! We announced the first two guests of honour - Aleksandar Ziljak & Andreas Eschbach - both are nominees for the EFSF Hall of Fame 2015! Wish them luck - although there can be only one to win the award.

KonFekt:

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Hi, it's me again - this time at Eurocon! (Dave Lally)

Ian Watson:

Barcelona table also has Spanish cured ham! as well as fuet sausages

Roberto Quaglia:

Happy to be back in Eurocon, and happy to be back in Saint Petersburg!

Arno Behrend:

For us, the committee of Dortmund in 2017, the situation now is quite surreal. That we have won our bid is a matter, that will be announced tomorrow officially. This however is definite, because there are no competitors. So we have started to sell full attending memberships and are making plans for the programme of our Eurocon. It's a feeling like in the eye of hurricane, not shouting in triumph but already smiling. Appointements are made to gather European panelists and agents for countries abroad. So far the programme of this con for me is something happening in a parallel world. Maybe I will listen to a panel today. We have seen little of the beautiful sites in the city but were already impressed. And the whole convention staff and also people outside in stores and restaurants have been very friendly indeed.

Dmitriy:

Great computer. Something from the childhood. The Con is also "from the childhood". Bookcovers. Grey-bearded people telling something interesting. Bookselling tables (not Amazon!) So. Thanks for time-travel. That's why we love literature. With best wishes.

Anouk:

So glad to be here in Saint-Petersbourg (french spelling!). The con is great so far, with vodka yesterday and photo with a real cosmonaut today. Next year France will present a bid for a Eurocon in Amiens, Nemo 2018, July 22-29. Hope to see all of us there then! Now to the next panel!

Jürgen G. Marzi:

I attended the interview of Michael A. Stackpole, the American Guest of Honour. He was asked about the most successful genres of books in the US. The most successful genres are romance, mystery thrillers, paranormal romance, fantasy, then SF. And there is about ten times as much fantasy sold as SF.

Another interesting information was that the author gets about 75-90 percent of the price trag for self publishing but only 8 percent of a "hardware" book. So he can make more money even by selling his E-books cheaper.

Michael regards the chances of translating a novel und sending it to an American publisher very slim. It is also very slim for new writers from America.

Not that different from the situation in Germany for new writers.

EDM:

I just heard that we're 300 now, more than proposed yesterday. The weather was quite qood today, I like this because getting to the hotel dry is really better.

The ESFS delegades will decide some new rules tomorrow and where they will meet in 2017. The only candidade is Dortmund (Germany).

Next EuroCon (2016) will bring us to Barcelona (Cataluna).

The con after next might be in France at Amiens.