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Middle of a great convention. We'll remember this con of long queues,
full halls, and friendly fans. It is really cuddly. ConFact is in the
Fan Lounge, and we feel well here.
No doubt: World Con 2019 in Dublin. CU there again.

Nina Horvath, Austria:

Third day of the Worldcon and it became really crowded! Most panels
are full! But nevertheless I am in a good mood. Having my day off as
my panel on fanfunds had already been yesterday.

Ahrvid Engholm, Sweden:
Tomorrow (Saturday): Zines around the World
Panel 12 a.m. Ahrvid will show the fanzine FIJAGH #3,
edited by Stieg (yeah! him) Larsson.

Joerg Ritter, Germany:

It's Queue-Con, I guess. But you adapt ... or overcome ... or whatever
So far, I managed to attend one (popular) science presentation, and
I was the 3rd to last person "they" let enter the room. But: I'm
certainly not sitting here to complain ... except: Could some pane-
lists PLEASE learn to use the mike? OK, stop complaining already Mr.
Ritter. **** Helsinki is a wonderful town, I like to stroll through
the city in the morning or evening, the Finnish craft beer is great,
and the people are friendly. I managed to meet the usual suspects at
the SFCD table, and I attended some talks that were worth the wait. This
is my first Worldcon, and I kinda sorta guess it won't be my last.
Did I say that the beer is great? Good. The Hugo ceremonies are ahead,
and - as a 1st time visitor I think it behooves me to attend. Let's
see how many of the winners I know. As always, thx to Ecki and
Matthew for providing us with a means to reflect on what the conven-
tion means to us. 2.5 days to go. Yeah!

Zigurds, Latvia:

Hey guys, I just been in Worldcon in 2017 and I can tell you that it is an absolute blast! The joys of having time machine in my backyard. You should have believed me when I told you about it. So blame yourselves now. Cheers!

Petra Kufner, Germany:

Nice WorldCon so far, even if there were a lot of panels I couldn't visit because they were full already when I came to the door. Good thing that I usually find more than one interesting panel for each time slot. My favorites so far were the guest of honor presentation by Walter Jon Williams which was very entertaining and Space Medicine with Kjell Lindgren the Finnish Astronaut where we learned a lot about the small pitfalls of life on the ISS. The Art Show and the Dealer's Room seem quite small to me I suppose that's due to transportation cost. The idea of a flea market is nice though. Have a great WorldCon everybody and see you in Dublin in 2019!

Martin Schneider, Germany:

Slowly the Con comes to something like an end - still the masquerade and some nice talks are outstanding. A few minutes ago I had a longer talk about Mr. Trump - sounds like something from the dystopia-panels. The HUGO award ceremony was nice yesterday, but I hadn't a warm jacket with me - the air condition works to good. It was an impressive performance. And now I got the requested numbers: more than 6000 people - whow.

Antje Brand, Germany:

I finsihed the scavenger hunt successfully - yeah and I got ... everlasting praise and ... a ribbon!

Great idea, I do not know, if there was a scavenger hunt at any other WorldCon so far but it was my first and I definetely had a lot of fun.

The Regency Dance was great and I also enjoyed the authors and their cats panel - I definetely will never forget the stories of Jeff - Vandermeer and his cat Neo, that must be really huge, but a really catish cat.

Thanks everybody that made WorldCon in Finland possible and I am very much looking forward to Dublin in 2019! CU all there!

Anniina from Finland:

This has been my first WorldCon and it has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. I can't wait for the next one! I hope that one day WorldCon might even come back to Finland too!

David Singer, USA:

This is my...well, I can't count that high...Worldcon, but my first in a non-Anglophone country. Next year, I won't have the temptation to play tourist! Thanks to everyone who made the con so enjoyable!

Matthew Kunkel, Germany:

My fourth Worldcon, my third in Europe. And the next is in two years in Dublin - yeah! The Doctor will be female. The Nazis will come back in february.