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Matthew: NITES & FITES

It's saturday and the first issue is published. Yesterday we enjoyed a great concert. So we look forward to the Masquerade and the HUGOs.

Barbara:

The art show is very good. As are the parties. I cannot say much about the rest of the convention. I have just found the dealers room, there is presumably programming.... It is fun!

Antje:

I think it is great to have a sticker for contributing to confact!
 That is what I am here for. Matthew is not here but lucky for me they found the stickers.
 Con is great so far - on Sundays getting up is really hard, though!
 Thanks for keeping the spirit of Confact UP!

Pezi:

I just had Antje take a picture of me holding the HUGO! Not the first time we held a Hugo award in our hands. Last time was TorCon 3 :)
 I had so much fun already on this convention. Wouldn't mind if it went on for another week. So we heard about bio-weapons, lousy films, terraforming and scarves, we saw fabulous costumes, great theater and beautiful pictures. In short: FANTASTIC!

WSFC shows how creative science is and also its practitioners and fans
 Science is an art form. (Merlina)

Martin:

So, slowly we get used to be at a con ;-) After some trouble at the beginning and the everlasting fear, that a room you like to enter might be overcrowded or even worse be queued, the flow comes.
 One thing is bad: public transport in Dublin. Slow, expensive, uncommunicative drivers. That leads to delays and to missed panels.
 So back from the bad things - there are a lot of interesting and new writers to me, funny stories and of course dark ones (We are in Ireland!!). I have six or seven new names to catch and read. Great! And another two days to go...

KEES VAN TOORN:

Wieder mal einen Weltcon, diesmal die Schlangen-Stehen-Con, aber trotzdem sehr angenehm. Viele alte aber auch neue Freunde, und hoffentlich sehen wir uns alle nächstes Jahr in Den Haag auf dem Reunioncon in August, 30 Jahre nach ConFiction! Bis dann, Ad Astra!

Thomas Braatz

Seit 1990 sind wir mehr unregelmäßig auf den Weltcons. Irland ist ein sehr interessantes Land u wir haben es schon eine Woche lang erkundet. Viele Gespräche konnten wir führen. Eine Disco haben wir gestern Abend besucht; John Scalzi hat den Saal gerockt. Es gab Neuerungen, man musste vorher anstehen, um ein Bändchen zu bekommen. Das benötigt man, um in die Großveranstaltungen zu kommen, z.B. das Konzert. Das war sehr gelungen. Die Roomparties sind leider nicht mehr so wie vor 20 Jahren. Übrigens habe ich EDM vermisst. Wir sehen uns in Dresden.

My dear Germans, meine lieben Deutschen,

I have a dream! I am scattering shiny little shards of my dream here and there among German fans and non-German fans who happen to live in Germany (like me and my husband, who is Danish), in hope that they will fall on fertile soil, take root, and become a beautiful fannish creation.

It is my understanding that German fandom, at least with respect to conventions, is rather balkanized: the Perry Rhodan fans have their cons, the gaming fans have their cons, the anime and comics fans have their cons, and aside from the 150 or so fans who regularly attend WorldCon (at least when it's in Europe) they all never talk to each other. I want to change this! I want to create a pan-fandom con where we all get together, have panels, drink beer, make things, and befriend German fans (and fans in Germany) who have *gasp* multiple interests and *seufz* are not only willing but eager to talk to people from other fandoms.

Who's with me? Send me an email and I will suborn you, erm, assimilate you, erm, happily join with you to form the core committee for a German pan-fandom con.

Scared, erm, excited yet? I haven't told you the dream behind the dream: to bring a WorldCon to Germany for the first time since 1970! Obviously we'll need to get some practice con-running before we're ready for a challenge that large. Run away now, ahem, I mean, hurry up and join me before all the good jobs are taken by people more gullible (stop that Mickey!), ahem, less cautious than you.

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Hanno Schreiber:

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That was the second issue on Dublin 2019 - An Irish WordCon!