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Matththew: ACTS & FACTS

One week ago we are in Dublin to the WorldCon, now we are here in Belfast, and celebrate european science fiction.

Martin: So again the confact needs some typos from me..

This time we came in early enough for the opening ceremony. We had some shocking moments (storm blows the tent away, a lost handbag with all documents in it) on our way here, but now we taking part in the whole lot of acts. I had some interesting and funny interviews (Pat Cadigan is really nice to hear) and I watched the non-stop-nonses show "new brave words" - this is a recommodation!

SABINE:

OOOKAY why was that in caps log...oh, gone.

So, con number 2, Titancon. For all those who visit Belfast, it is well worth the visit. Just spent a lovely morning walking through main and not so main streets. A lot of wall art. Very happy city. It is strange to remember that Belfast was a name we associated with bombs at the height of the troubles.

But now for something completely different. I am on a panel in an hour about non English speaking SFF. It's just...I don't actually read any. I better read up before I go...I have 50 minutes. lol

Gabi B.:

Titancon ...and me not being a fan of Games of thrones. In german you would call it "Perlen vor die Säue werfen." ;D But: it's a nice convention with enough programme items without dragons, swords and Winter. And there are all the wonderful human beings, whome I have befriended in the past and yet there are more to come. Maybe :D So have a great time here in Belfast (don't forget to visit the Big Fish - the salmon of knowledge), on the convention and everywhere your way will lead you...

PS It's a creative atmosphere here, I started and finished a story for my husband regarding our 14th anniversary in december. Now I have to illustrate it, turn it into a small book and everything's fine - thank you, Titancon. Inspiring place...

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Arno Behrend:

This Eurocon seemingly has not profited from Worldcon being one week away. The number of people seems to be average for a Eurocon. The Pat Cadigan interview was something special. She is really funny. Thanks to questions of fans she also talked about her literature. The older you get the more you are critical about panels I think. A few people sitting there, discussing some examples of books, shows and films with regard to the given topic are not as impressive to me as in 1995. Specific questions from the audience sometimes are not answered in an informed way. Audience grows older and develops certainly, panels don't. This is my impression. The panel "Ear Wyrms" was very interesting and interactive. We could win sweets by recognizing melodies while the panelist was explaining plagiarism in film music. The main motivation for me to come is that this is family. You can talk to so many people from your own country and abroad you have seen so often in many cities of the continent before.

Gino:

So we won the bid. Eurocon 2021 will be in Italy, march 18-21. We will really have a lot of fun planning and running it, and we're sure you'll have lots of fun if you'll come. Will we be talking about retro-technology? Maybe, but we hope ConFact will be with us anyway.

Ralf:

So now two conventions in a row come to a close. They were kind of similar, but also a lot different - obviously. Titancon is a really interesting little convention. I listened to a number of enlightening panels, there were good parties and very interesting people to speak to. The reading list has been added to, and I bought way too much stuff in the dealer's room. Particularly interesting - as a preparation for ConZealand - was the panel about SFF Down Under. They seem to have a large number of indigenous authors there, I need to check them out.

Darius Hupov: The Galactic Imaginarium Podcast

Belfast was for me a very interesting experience, as a traveler and also as a fan going to Titancon/Eurocon. The convention was well organized, not crowded at all, for it's more than 600 participants. Some of the pannels were really interesting. A good convention to attend, a nice ocasion to see old friends and to make new ones :)

This was EuroCon 2019 in Belfast.

We see us in Rijeka 2020!