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# LONDON IN 2014

A bid for the 72<sup>nd</sup> World Science Fiction Convention

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Dear Ruth

This letter is to formally notify you of our intention to bid to host the 2014 World Science Fiction Convention in London from 14-18 August 2014. The letter comes from the bid chairs, **Steve Cooper** and **Mike Scott**.

We're enormously excited by the opportunity to bring the Worldcon back to London for the first time since 1965. It has provided the backdrop for countless works of science fiction, from *The War of the Worlds* to *Doctor Who*, as well as supporting a large and long-established science fiction community, and now it finally has the chance to host another World Science Fiction Convention.

Our proposed venue is the new International Convention Centre in the ExCeL (**Exhibition Centre London**) facility in London's Docklands area, a few miles east of central London. It opened in 2011 and offers us a large programme suite, a permanent auditorium and more exhibition space than we could ever need. It is on a campus-style waterfront site along the north side of one of the former Royal Docks, and is well located for public transport. There are a number of hotels on the site, and several more are expected by 2014.

Please find attached the following documents to support the filing of our bid:

- Brochure giving some details about our bid and the proposed convention
- Constitution which has been formally adopted for the convention
- Confirmation of provisional booking from ExCeL
- Letter of support from Boris Johnson, Mayor of London
- ExCeL campus map showing locations of public transport, hotels, etc.
- ExCeL connectivity map showing transport options to get to ExCeL

For your information, and that of the voters in the site selection, we also provide below some information about the hotels on and immediately adjacent to the ExCeL site. We are currently in negotiations about hotel prices, and cannot yet provide details of room rates. All of these hotels are (or will be) within 1/3 of a mile of ExCeL. Note that the ExCeL building is itself 1/3 of a mile long, and that most of the convention will be at the east end of the building, so hotels to the east will be closer to the convention. The tables below indicate at which end of the building each hotel can be found.

### Hotels currently on-site

Hotel Name	Group	Location	Rating	Bedrooms
Aloft London Excel	Starwood	East	4*	252
Ramada Hotel & Suites	Ramada	East	4*	224
Novotel	Novotel	West	4*	257
Crowne Plaza	Intercontinental	West	4*	210
Premier Inn	Premier Inn	East	3*	202
Ibis	ibis	West	2*	278
Custom House Hotel	None	West	3*	282
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1705</b>

### Hotels planned for construction by August 2014

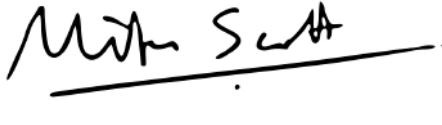

Hotel Name	Group	Location	Rating	Bedrooms
Travelodge	Travelodge	East	3*	131
Sunborn Yacht Hotel	Sunborn	West	4*+	~150
Park Inn	Rezidor	West	4*	223
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>~500</b>

Our proposed convention committee currently includes: **Steve Cooper** (Board Chair), **Alice Lawson** (Committee Chair), Eemeli Aro, James Bacon, Rita Medany, Farah Mendlesohn, Mike Scott, Ian Whates, Liz Batty, Claire Brialey, Vincent Docherty, John Dowd, Deb Geisler, Colin Harris, Carolina Gomez Lagerloff, Mark Plummer, Theresa Renner and Ian Stockdale.

In conclusion, we believe that we can offer the voters an exceptional Worldcon in an exceptional location, and we're looking forward to the opportunity to prove it in August 2014.

We look forward to working with you during the voting in Chicago.

Regards



Steve Cooper & Mike Scott, Bid Chairs