

The Twelfth National Irish Science Fiction Convention

13-14 October 2001, The Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire

Guest of Honour:

Anne McCaffrey

Author of *Dragonriders of Pern*,
To Ride Pegasus
The Ship Who Sang

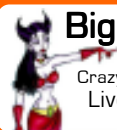
Other Guests:
Rachel Armstrong
Eugene Byrne
Michael Carroll
Don Conroy
Maggie Furey
Roger Gregg
Harry Harrison
John Higgins
Paul J Holden
Katherine Kurtz
Morgan Llywelyn
Ian McDonald
John Meaney
Kim Newman
Colin Smythe
John Vaughan

Featured Events:

BATTLINE ROBOTS



Build it...
Fight it!



Big Big Space

Crazy Dog Audio Theatre
Live Radio Drama

Masquerade

Win flight for 2
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What is Octocon?

Octocon is a weekend-long science fiction convention held every October in Dublin. This year will be it's twelfth time around. Attendance is usually around 250-300 people of all ages and backgrounds. Most people who come to the convention once come back. We have a host of guests, most of whom are writers of Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror. We are honoured to have the world-famous Anne McCaffrey as our Guest of Honour this year. We also have Filmmakers, Artists, and others involved in the broader world of SF. We will have panel discussions, sword-fighting displays, and lots more. For instance...

Battling Robots

This event will show you how to build robots, and how to compete with them. Think of it as a miniature version of RobotWars. These robots are built around remote-controlled vehicles, by adding on various "weapons" using Meccano etc. We will have a special workshop room open all weekend with enough bits and pieces to build several robots, and a Grand Finale Tournament involving a race, an obstacle course, a few head-to-head battles, and finally a survival round against our house robots! There will also be prizes for best robot in various categories. If you want to participate, see the Battling Robots section of the Octocon Website.

Radio Play

"Big, Big Space" is the title of RTÉ's new six-part radio comedy drama, to be broadcast on Saturday mornings. This is being written by award winning playwright Roger Gregg, (who wrote the hugely popular "Invasion From Planet Vampire", which was broadcast live from Octocon last October), and will be performed by Crazy Dog Audio Theatre. The first two parts will be recorded before a live audience on Saturday night at Octocon, which will be free to members of the convention. The play features the continuing misadventures of Captain Roslyn Sane and her crew of the Starship Amadán, in their wanderings about the galaxy. Be warned, however, that seating is strictly on a first come basis.

Masquerade

The masquerade ball is a traditional feature of the Saturday night disco at Octocon, and over the years we have seen some spectacular, imaginative (not to mention downright daft), creations win prizes. We still remember with much fondness the woman who came wrapped in enormous quantities of Bubble Wrap, and said she was a Dilitium Crystal. She won a prize, of course, because clever and inventive costuming is more important than your tailoring talents (though these help!) This year, we are delighted to announce a major prize courtesy of bmi British Midland airlines, for the over-all masquerade winner. There will of course be various other prizes, for individual categories.

Can I come too?

Sure. Just fill in the form below, and send it to the address on the bottom of the page, along with you membership fee, and all the wonders of Octocon are yours to enjoy!

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Octocon 2001 Registration Form

Name:

Address :

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Email:

Phone:

Name on Badge:

Membership Type: ☐ Attending ☐ Supporting ☐ Junior

Amount Paid: (IR£/UK£)

Payment Method: ☐ Cheque/PO ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card No: Expiry Date:

☐ I would be interested in helping with the organisation of Octocon.

Membership rates (Ireland):

Attending: IR£20 until 1 Oct (IR£25 on door)

Junior: IR£12 until 1 Oct (IR£15 on door)

Supporting: IR£5

(UK/Sterling Cheques):

Attending: UK£17 until 1 Oct

Junior: UK£10 until 1 Oct

Supporting: UK£5

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