

Satellite 6

...some like it ^{hot}

25th - 27th May, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

Congressional Report

Nothing to See Here

So here we are at the tricky second Progress Report. You know how it is, you spend ages crafting and refining all your material for the first one and then, when that is a success, everyone wants a second one quickly after. After all, who remembers Gherman Titov or Belka & Strelka or Ralph Metcalfe? Yet I am sure you all are well aware of Yuri Gagarin, Laika and Jessie Owens!



This, of course, in some ways takes the pressure off writing this introduction. Given most of you will skip over this and onto the More Interesting Stuff about programme, guests, hotel arrangements, and all the stuff that actually matters, this inconsequential drivel becomes little more than space filling; something to keep Mad Elf (our PR editor and designer) happy as he gets to play around with typesetting and even, dare I say it, font selection.

For the few brave souls who have got this far in the faint hope of some thoughtful and insightful writing, I apologise for wasting your time — you really should have skipped ahead to the More Interesting Stuff. A lot of people have already put a lot of effort into ensuring the preparation for the convention is well underway and we are all looking forward to seeing you in Glasgow.

In the meantime, I'd better start thinking about an introduction in case there is a demand for PR3!

Michael, Chair of the Venusian Congress

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When, Where, Who, Which

Our Dates and Location:

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, UK
25th – 27th May, 2018

Our Guest of Honour:

Author **Paul McAuley**

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Programme

The Satellite 6 programme will have the usual emphasis on *Science Fiction*, *Science Fact*, *Science Fun*. Alongside items on speculative fiction, we have interesting science talks and plenty of opportunities for silliness. Our featured planet is Venus: where better to explore how increased scientific knowledge of the real conditions on a planet's surface has impacted on the stories set there?

The programme is not quite finalised and there is still time to volunteer to take part (please email programme@Six.SatelliteX.org.uk). Information on just some of the items confirmed so far is below.

Programme highlights are the contributions from our wonderful Guests. Author Paul McAuley will give his main GoH talk on Saturday and take part in Desert Island Books on Sunday. Day Guests Dr Charles Cockell and Dr Saskia Vermeylen consider what alien life could look like, and who owns resources in space.

Satellite stalwarts Robert Law, Colin McInnes, Phil Welling and Nik Whithead will all give talks covering topics from terraforming Venus to (...yet more) inadvisable rocket science. Our own Mad Elf will present Anime 101, an introduction for fans who don't know much about the medium.

Panels will focus on depictions of Venus in literature and media speculative fiction. We have the traditional Satellite Convention All-Apocrypha panel, this time discussing whether apocrypha might prove a more reliable way for NASA to explore space than robots. We also consider the legacies of Blake's 7 and the Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy, both celebrating ruby anniversaries in 2018. This year also sees the 40th anniversary of Glasgow's first SF convention, Faircon '78, so we shall have programme items looking back across the past 40 years of Glasgow fandom.

Evening entertainment includes the superb Science Ceilidh Band, who will take us through some science-themed dances as well as old favourites.

Quark's Bar returns for another round of alcohol-themed questions and we also plan a chocolate biscuit quiz. There will be a fannish version of Radio 4's The Unbelievable Truth. We also have a weapons demonstration from Jo Thomas of HEMA, book launches, and author readings, so a rich variety of items to choose from.

Day Guests

In keeping with Satellite Conventions' tradition, we have recruited some special Day Guests to entertain you.

Professor Charles Cockell

Charles Cockell is Professor of Astrobiology at the University of Edinburgh, and Director of the UK Centre for Astrobiology, which he established in 2011. His academic interests encompass life in extreme environments, the habitability of extraterrestrial environments and the exploration and settlement of space. He has previously worked at NASA and the British Antarctic Survey. His work has taken him to both poles and many other extreme environments. He has published over 300 scientific papers and numerous books, including a series on the conditions for life beyond Earth. He leads the Life Beyond program, which engages prison inmates in the design of human settlements in space. He is Chair of the Earth and Space Foundation, a non-profit organisation he established in 1994, and he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. His most recent book, *The Equations of Life: How Physics Shapes Evolution* is published in June 2018.



Dr Saskia Vermeulen

Dr Saskia Vermeulen is a critical legal scholar working in the area of property theory and resource frontiers. She joined Strathclyde University's Law School in July 2016 as a Chancellor's Fellow. She studies indigenous peoples' cultural expressions as a source of law and is currently finishing a monograph on critical property theory drawing upon the work of Jacques Derrida and Emmanuel Levinas. As part of her interest in property theory she's also embarking on a new research project on the legal and ethical meaning of 'common heritage of mankind', a concept that is currently much debated in the context of outer space mining. She has just been awarded a Leverhulme Fellowship to study the relationship between Utopian Literatures and Space Law.



The Hotel

The Convention will take place in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Congress Road, Glasgow G3 8QT. The hotel is situated about two miles from Glasgow City Centre and beside the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. The hotel is familiar to SF fans, having hosted Satellite 2 in 2009 and Satellite 4, the 2014 Eastercon. In addition it was, of course, the hotel for the 2006 Eastercon, Concussion, and was the principal hotel for both the 1995 Worldcon, Intersection, and the 2005 Worldcon, Interaction. For further information see:



<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/glasgow/glwcr/hoteldetail/>

Rates

Convention rates are available from Friday 25th May 2018 to Sunday 27th May 2018 inclusive. (At the time of writing there were no rooms left at these rates for Thursday 24/05/2018.)

Single Occupancy: £105

Double Occupancy: £130

Rates are inclusive of Breakfast and VAT at the current rate.

Booking

To book a room please call the Hotel on **0141 306 9988** during Office hours, ask for reservations and quote “*Satellite 4 allocation*”. Credit card details will need to be provided at the time of booking, but no payment will be taken until you check out. You can also contact the hotel using the email address [**groups@cpglasgow.valoreurope.com**](mailto:groups@cpglasgow.valoreurope.com)

Overflow Hotel

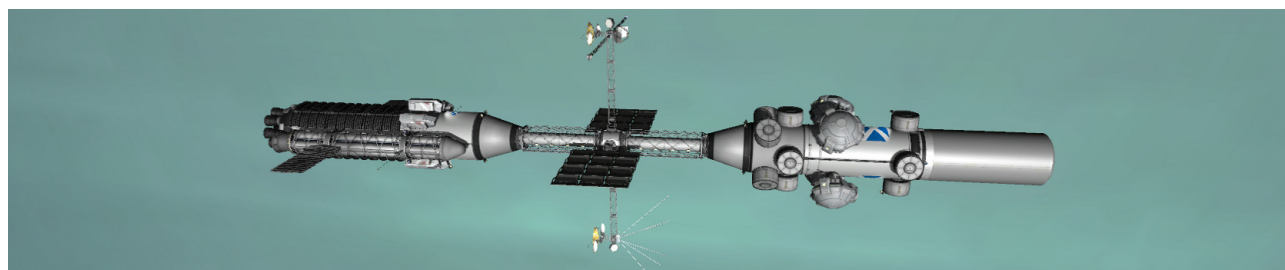
We have secured a small allocation of rooms at the new Raddison Red hotel, 25 Tunnel Street, Glasgow, G3 8HL. It is a six minute walk away according to Google maps.

Rooms are available for £105 room only, for single or double occupancy. The rate is available from Thursday 24th May 2018 to Sunday 27th May 2018 inclusive.

Book online at

<https://book.radissonred.com/reservation/clearReservation.do>

using the code SAT6 in the promotional code box.



Satellite 6 – the T-shirt!

Con t-shirts are available for sale on our website (Six.SatelliteX.org.uk) for £16. They can be collected in person, or posted anywhere in the UK for an additional £4 per t-shirt.

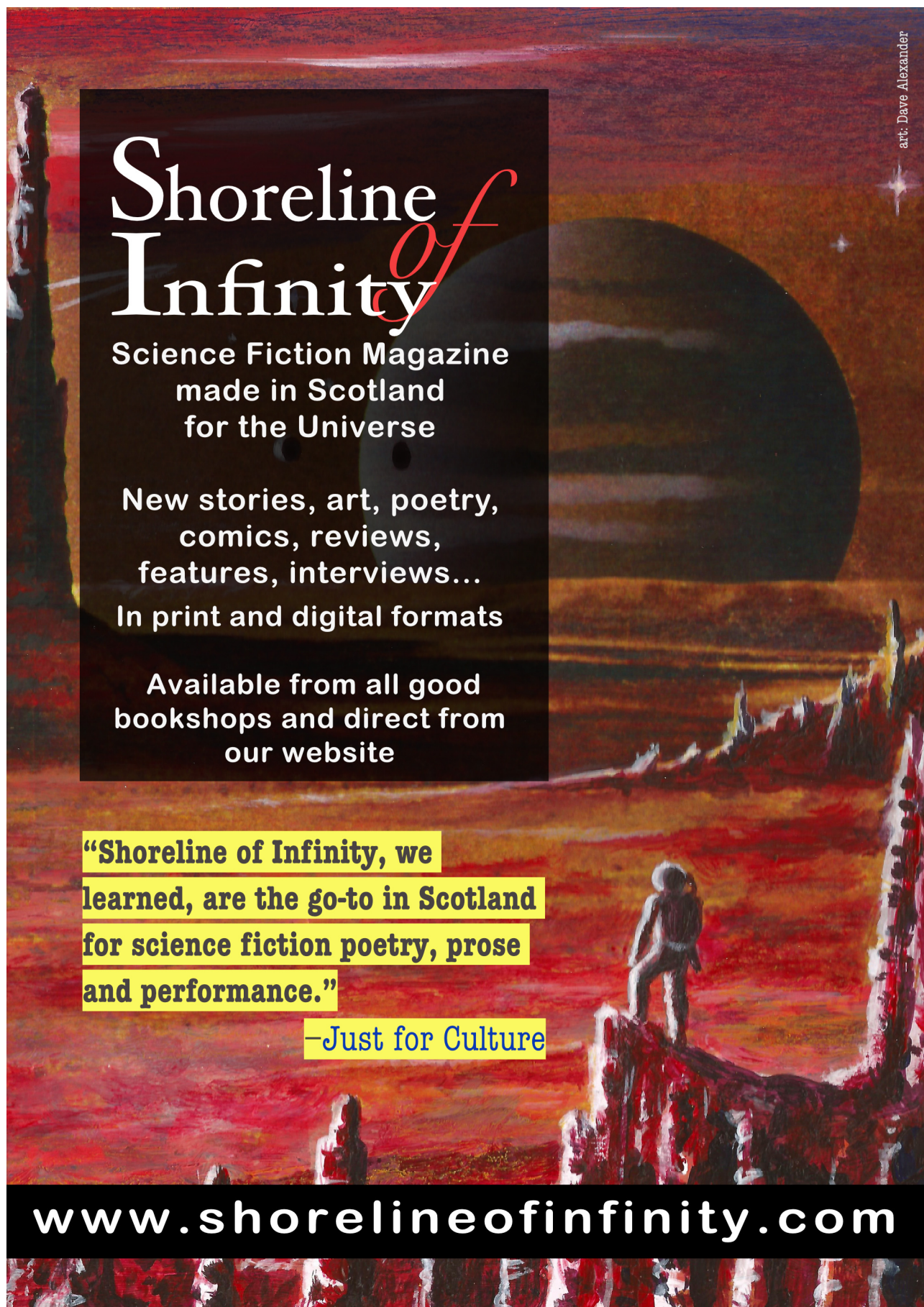
T-shirts are a single-sided print, with the con logo on the front and the mission patch on the sleeve. They are available in eight colours (see below), and all sizes from Small to 5XL.

Also available are the Satellite Series t-shirts, featuring the series logo on the front and our motto on the back.



Colours:





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Games Room

Do you have a game you are looking to play but can't find anyone to join in? If so, bring it along to Satellite 6, and you should find plenty of interested people willing to give it a go.

Satellite 6 has a dedicated room for gaming, open both during the day and for those late night Werewolf sessions. The room will not be staffed, so please look after and keep safe any games you bring to the convention, e.g. take them back to your room when not in use.

Hall Costume Competition



It's a Satellite Convention tradition to hold a Hall Costume Competition, and Satellite 6 would *never* break with tradition. We're looking forward to seeing what every-one is going to bring this year.



Each member will get three tokens in their con pack, which they can give to any costumer whose work they like. A small prize will be awarded to the winner at the Closing Ceremony. Check your Read Me when you get to the con for the closing time for entries and other details!



(Remember that any weapons carried as part of a costume must be clearly 'non-realistic', e.g. bright pink water pistols or similar.)



Volunteers

Science fiction conventions rely on a ready supply of volunteers to function, both in the preparation phase and on the day. If you'd like to lend a hand with any of the essential tasks that are part of the convention, please use this link to update your details and let us know what you're interested in:

<https://six.satellitex.org.uk/join/your-details>

Alternatively, email us at volunteers@Six.SatelliteX.org.uk

Membership List

As of 1400 hours on the 26th of March, 2018, we have 140 members (including guests and non-sentients).

No.	Type	Name	No.	Type	Name
33	A	AC	99	A	Ian Sorensen
125	A	Aisha Nuttall	113	A	Ian Whates
40	A	Alan Woodford (Alan Woodford)	79	A	Incognito
107	A	Alice Lawson (Alice)	136	A	Izzy Hanson
104	A	Alison Buck	63	Y	Jackson, Ayaka Elouise
35	A	Alison Richards	16	A	Jamie Scott
66	A	Alligator Descartes	72	A	Jan van't Ent
13	N	Ambassador Harold	56	A	Jean Thompson (Rhionnach)
15	A	Andy Nimmo	61	A	Jesper Stage
89	A	Ann Mair (Ann)	59	N	Jofli A Bear
39	A	Anne Woodford (Anne Woodford)	14	A	John Bray
22	A	Barbara Stewart	29	A	John Brown (John Brown)
122	A	Bob Smith	103	A	John Dowd
123	A	C J Muir	21	A	John Stewart
71	A	Cameron Johnston	43	A	Julian Heathcock
65	A	Carolyn Sleith (Dyllanne)	67	A	June Strachan
110	A	Catherine Pickersgill	120	A	Keith Mackie
5	E	Charles Stross	3	E	MacLeod, Ken
124	A	Christopher Nuttall	9	A	Mad Elf
140	A	Claire Wardell	48	A	Margaret Austin
117	N	Clarence	109	A	Martin
60	A	dakkar	49	A	Martin Easterbrook
75	A	Dave Ellis	92	A	Martin Hoare
96	A	Dave Lally	1	G	McAuley, Paul
137	A	Dave Weaver	10	A	Meenan, Mark
7	A	Davidson, Christine	108	A	Melica
8	A	Davidson, Michael	34	A	Mike Richards
32	A	DC	76	A	Miriam Moss
135	A	Dominika Klimczak	36	A	Misha
93	N	Doris Panda	85	A	Miss Fairchild
94	A	Doug S	57	A	Morag Kerr
69	A	E.M. Faulds	81	A	Munchkin
41	A	Ed Buckley	112	A	Neil Williamson
139	A	Eddie Cochrane	100	A	Niall Gordon
42	A	Elsie WK Donald	31	A	Nicholas Lakin (Nick)
121	A	Exay Bachay	73	A	Nick Mills
132	A	Feorag	70	A	Nik Whitehead
6	E	Fluff the Plush Cthulhu	84	A	Noel Chidwick
102	A	Fran Dowd	11	A	O'Neill, Morag
78	A	Gryphon	18	A	Paul Taylor
25	A	Harpal Singh (Harpal)	50	A	Paul van Oven
19	A	Heather Turnbull (The Fossil)	86	A	Pete Alex Harris
114	A	Helen Sansum	105	A	Peter Buck
23	A	Helenex	47	A	Peter Redfarn (Captain)
54	A	Ian Maughan (Square Bear)	53	A	Phil

No.	Type	Name	No.	Type	Name
133	A	Piers Beckley	58	A	Stevie Carroll
55	A	Raj	88	A	Stuart Leitch (Stevie)
24	A	Red	27	A	Sue Edwards (Sue Edwards)
62	A	Richard Stephenson (The Legend that is)	37	I	Sylvianne
95	A	Rob Adams	74	A	Tig
20	A	Roger Octon (Oregon of the North)	97	A	Tommy
83	A	Ruth EJ Booth	77	A	Traci Whitehead
87	A	Sacha Haworth	68	A	Val Nolan
134	A	Sarah Page	46	A	Vincent Docherty
82	A	Sha	64	A	Walker, Samantha (Kallakatz)
118	N	Skite	138	Y	Woj
28	A	Stephen R Cooper (Steve Cooper)	98	A	Yvonne Rowse
106	A	Steve Lawson (Steve)	38	A	Zoe Sumra (Zoe Sumra)

Membership Types

A	Attending Member	I	Infant
C	Child	N	Non-sentient (Toys, Mascots)
E	Guest Emeritus	Y	Young Adult
G	Guest		



Code of Conduct

We want everyone to enjoy Satellite 6... so please be considerate of other members. It is unacceptable to harass or abuse someone for any reason, but especially on the grounds of their:

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| age | race |
| appearance or costume | religion or beliefs |
| disability | sex or gender |
| gender reassignment | sexual orientation or practice |

This applies not only to the physical world, but also to electronic media relevant to the convention.

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