

# SEFF-ballot

## WHAT IS SEFF?

*The Scandinavian-European Fan Fund* has the aim to facilitate fannish contacts between Scandinavia and the rest of Europe (Britain included), by means of sending fans across the borders. Every second year a Scandinavian fan is sent to a European convention, and every second year a European fan is sent to a Scandinavian convention. SEFF was founded in 1983, and in 1984 the first SEFF-winner, the Swedish fan *David Nessel*, was sent to Seacon 84 in Brighton. In 1985 a European fan will be sent to Swecon 85 in Stockholm, 16-18 August.

## HOW DOES SEFF WORK?

The way SEFF works is similar to the way all other fan funds work. Fandom first nominate its candidates, a ballot for voting is issued, he/she who wins is sent to the convention SEFF aimed for that year, and the trip is paid for by the fan fund, financed by voting-fees, voluntary contributions and auctions of fannish material.

## HOW DO I VOTE?

Anyone who can prove activity in fandom before *30th of June 1984* (by stating known fan or fan-group as reference) is entitled to vote. Just fill in the form on the back of this sheet (or a copy/transcript of it) and send it to a SEFF-administrator. We must have the ballot *before 1st of June 1985*. Each vote must be accompanied by a donation of 50p, 2,50 D-marks, 5 SEK or local equivalent; a good idea for two voters is to share a poundnote, 5 D-marknote etc and send it in together with their votes in an envelope. Everyone who donates 1 pound, 5 D-marks, 10 SEK or local equivalent receive a copy of *David Nessel's SEFF-report* from his trip in 1984, without extra cost. David Nessel is known as an extremely humourous writer, so his report (available at the end of March) will be worth having. The votes are counted according to the Australian system (counting the ballots in rounds, each round withdrawing the votes for the least popular alternative and re-distributing those ballots on the remaining), so please *do* rank your alternatives (1 for your first choice, 2 for your second, etc; though there are only two candidates this year, there are four alternatives). No anonymous votes. Only one vote per person. Write-ins are allowed, and if you don't feel for any other alternative, there's always »Hold over funds«.

## HOW DO I SUPPORT SEFF?

SEFF wasn't founded because it's too expensive to travel to and from Scandinavia, but because we who founded the fund thought that more communication, cooperation and contacts between the fandoms in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe would be to the benefit of both sides. Everything you do to improve these inter-fannish contacts is, in spirit, helping SEFF. But less abstract support is also needed! Please make SEFF known: write about the fund in your fanzine, make your friends vote, run the ballot in your fanzine, be SEFF-administrator for your country - or why not stand for SEFF next time! Money is also needed: send donations in the form of giro-transfers to Ahrvid Engholm's Swedish postgiro-account 436 32 00-9, or as cheques payable to a SEFF-administrator. You can also arrange auctions of books or fanzines donated to SEFF on local conventions.

## WHERE DO I SEND THE BALLOT?

The ballot should be sent to a SEFF-administrator, of which there presently are two (more are needed, e g one for your country). They can also give you more copies of the ballot and further information about SEFF. Contact:

*Ahrvid Engholm, Maskinistgatan 9 öb, S-117 47 Stockholm, Sweden. (Sw pg 436 32 00-9)*  
*Colin Fine, 205 Coldham's Lane, Cambridge CB1 3MY, England.*

**THE BALLOTS MUST BE IN BEFORE 1ST OF JUNE!**

## WHERE THE SEFF-WINNER GOES:

Stockholm in the middle of August; the worst crowds of Japanese tourists have left and the Stockholm-fans are beginning to drift back from their vacations. »The Pearl of the Baltic Sea», as the royal Swedish capital is called, is at its best, with its medieval Old Town, many islands and friendly people. Stockholm is famous for its beauty and cleanliness; you can see fishermen outside the Royal Palace, and there are bathing-places in the middle of the city. What better place could there be for a convention? What better goal for SEFF?

SWECON 85 will with its expected 300 attendees be the biggest convention in Sweden since 1976. The site is Continental Hotel, just opposite the Central Railwaystation, and the date 16-18 of August.

Guests of Honour are Christopher Priest and Lisa Tuttle. Many other foreign authors and fans will also turn up, so substantial parts of the programme will be in English (including all the films). SWECON 85 will also have artshow, book room, bars (warning: ordinary high Swedish prices), fan room, and two parallel programmes with speeches, panel-discussions, banquet, silly games etc. You know what cons are like! Scandinavians speak good English, so it will be easy to mix and chat, what most fans like best about cons.

Attending membership (for foreigners) is 14 pounds. The most attractive room-rate SWECON 85 can offer is a double in the Continental for ca. 45 pounds/night, for TWO persons and including bath/shower and breakfast. The committee can also inform about other accommodation-alternatives, including private accommodation in the homes of Stockholm-fans (which will be free).

More information is available from SEFF's Ahrvid Engholm (address opposite). His postgiro-account can be used for memberships; if you want to send cheques, make them payable to Engholm. SWECON 85 warmly welcomes the SEFF-winner. And YOU, if you'd like to join him!

## THE CANDIDATES (AS PRESENTED BY THEMSELVES)

I awoke to a blaze of light which split the darkness like a BNF slicing through the crowd around a convention bar. I threw up my hands in astonishment, which surprised me as I didn't remember eating them.

»Cut out the jokes, *Steve Green*.» Ahrvid snapped, vawing the searchlight in front of my eyes. »I need all the dirt on your fanac, and I need it *fast*.»

»Oh ballots,» I growled. »You expect me to modestly squeeze in more than a decade of writing, illustrating, fanzine publishing, convention organisation and falling over into just 200 words.? Richard Bergeron may once have dubbed me as a cross between Langford and Ounsley with a dash of Willis, but there are limits».

Ahrvid appeared unconvinced.

»Okay. Joined fandom in 1974 at age 14.; founder member of several APAs, including the British APA; sat on the council of British SF Association for three years whilst running the clubs column for MATRIX; edited many fanzines, including several devoted to fostering links between fannish factions; chaired Novacon 14, Britain's second largest annual con, and is now working on '15. I'm a former journalist, would-be writer and I want to win SEFF as it's the only way my wife Ann and I can afford to visit our Swedish friends, and make new ones.»

»Call that modest?« quipped Ahrvid. »These Britfen...»

*Hans-Juergen Mader*: born 1948 (!), now teacher at a primary school (a job that I really love), married (my wife will of course accompany me to SWECON), a little son (wellknown to Gerfen), a little house (highest number of fen staying over one night is 26) and speaking a bit English and French.

I'm active in German fandom since 1978, when I first rallied the fen in the small part of Germany where I'm living (The Saarland). Nowadays there are three cons every year here and most of the local fen know each other.

I began my activities the greater fan-circles in Gerfandom with some personalzines, and thus came to inspire an »personalzine-wave» which still goes on here. I also happened to become chairman in Germany's biggest sf-club: the SFC.D. Since more than a year I'm editing the weekly newszine FANDHOME WEEKLY, which I plan to continue with for at least another year.

My dream is a fandom where you can find a place for everyone: sercon, fannish, trekkie, D&D-player, actifan, passifan... It's only law should be toleration. The world is bad enough, so fen should feel at home in fandom.

I prefer neither of the candidates, and instead make a write-in vote for:

I prefer that this year's funds are held over until next year's race.

Name:

My signature:

Address:

Fan/Group that verifies my fanactivity before  
84.06.30:

50p, 2.50 D-Marks, 5 SEK or local equivalent must be enclosed; you may send more, but not less. Ballot must be in *before 1st of June*, send to Ahrvid Engholm, Colin Fine or the SEFF-administrator in your country. Reproduction of the ballot is encouraged.