

JETS – Japanese Expeditionary Travel Scholarship

The Japanese Expeditionary Travel Scholarship (JETS) is a special fund created for the purpose of assisting a European science fiction fan, elected by popular vote of other European science fiction fans, to travel to and attend Nippon 2007, the 65th World Science Fiction Convention which will be held on 30 August to 3 September 2007 in Yokohama.

It will be funded by a grant of at least £1,000 from Interaction, the 63rd World Science Fiction Convention, and by the fees paid by those fans who choose to vote.

This is a one-off race and there will be no ongoing administration required by the winning candidate after the trip. However, there is an expectation that the winner will produce some form of report about their trip – not least to inform and/or entertain those voters who weren't able to make the trip themselves – within a year.

The nomination and voting process will be administered for Interaction by the League of Fan Funds (LFF), which currently consists of Claire Brialey, Alison Scott, and Flick.

Who may vote? Voting is open to any science fiction fan who is based in Europe and who

- has been active in fandom since before 1 January 2005; and/or
- who was a member of Interaction,

and who contributes at least £3 or 5 euros to the fund alongside their vote (see below for PayPal voting fees.) If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact an administrator (see below).

Fees and donations: Voting fees will be passed to the winning candidate along with the funds provided by Interaction. LFF gratefully accepts any additional donation of money for the winner.

Please make sterling cheques payable to 'League of Fan Funds' and euro cheques payable to 'Vincent Docherty'. You may also pay by PayPal (alison@kittywompus.com), but if you choose to do this we ask you to contribute at least £4 or 6 euros *instead* of the fee above, as we will incur administration charges; please make sure that you give all of the information requested on the ballot form below in your email.

Deadline: Votes in this race must reach the administrators by midnight (British Summer Time), Friday 13 April 2007. A result and voting breakdown will be announced as soon as possible after this date.

Voting details: JETS uses a preferential ballot system (similar to TAFF and GUFF) which guarantees automatic run-offs until a winner with an overall majority is obtained. Voters should rank the candidates in the exact order of preference for them (1 for first choice, 2 for second choice etc.), but do not have to rank every candidate. If no candidate gets an overall majority from the first place votes, the first place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate will be dropped and those ballots reallocated to the remaining candidates according to their second place votes. This process continues until one candidate has a majority. Voters may wish to bear in mind that preferences after the first place are thus likely to be significant in selecting the winner.

Only one ballot will be counted for any voter in JETS. If you submit more than one ballot, the most recent will be considered to be your final voting preference.

'No preference' is an option for voters who don't wish to choose between candidates at some stage in their voting. You can vote 'No preference' in first place if you wish to contribute to the fund but don't want to support a specific candidate; you can also vote 'No preference' after ranking some of the candidates. 'No preference' cannot win and will never be eliminated, so there is no point ranking candidates after 'No preference'. There is no option for 'Hold Over Funds' because this is a one-off race.

Candidates: Each candidate has posted a bond promising – barring Acts of God – to travel, if elected, to Nippon 2007, and has provided validated nominations and a platform (listed at the end).

Please read all of this ballot before voting. Send all the pages as your vote. If voting electronically, please ensure you provide all the details you would need to fill in on this form.

For more information on JETS and on the League of Fan Funds, visit: www.astralpole.org
Please contact the administrators (by post at 59 Shirley Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 7ES, or by email at lff@astralpole.org) if you have any queries.

JETS ballot – Japanese Expeditionary Travel Scholarship

Ballot form

Either fill out this sheet and send it with the other pages and an appropriate voting fee to: JETS, c/o League of Fan Funds, 59 Shirley Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 7ES, UK
(Sterilising cheques payable to League of Fan Funds; euro cheques payable to Vincent Docherty)

or donate an appropriate voting fee via Paypal and provide all the information set out below to: alison@kithwompus.com
(Please pay/ atleast £4 or 6 euros if you are using Paypal)

Votes:

I vote for (rank the candidates in order with 1 being your first choice):

- [] Abi Brown
[] Jim de Liscard
[] Jukka Halme
[] Tom Nanson ('FanTom') and Teddy
[] Chrs O'Shea ('The Magician')
[] Liam Proven
[] Robert 'nojay' Sheddon
[] No preference

Your details:

Name:

Address:

Phone number or email address:
(We need your full contact details. The LFF may need to contact you regarding your ballot or to send out newsletters. We do not publish this data or pass it to any other organisation.)

Signature:

Date:

Enclosed is _____ as a contribution to JETS.

If you think your name may not be known to the administrators, in order to qualify your vote, please provide the name and contact details of another fan who is eligible to vote (not a fan group, a candidate, or anyone who has nominated a candidate) who is known to the administrators and who knows you.

Active fan known to the administrators:

Reproduction of this ballot is encouraged. It is the official voting vehicle and must be reproduced in full. Anyone doing so should substitute their name here: LEAGUE OF FAN FUNDS

JETS candidates – Japanese Expeditionary Travel Scholarship

Abi Brown

I am a second-generation fan, and arrived in fandom in my own right at the last Glasgow Worldcon. Since then I've attended as many conventions as I can afford and am also a regular at the Ton. I'm currently working on a fanzine (due next month), and I keep a LiveJournal (eyeliner287). Due largely to lack of money I have never flown and have barely left the country, and I would love to attend the Japan Worldcon to meet new people and explore a different facet of fandom. My report is likely to contain tales of busy days and debauched parties.

Nominators: Lilian Edwards, Sue Mason, Max (hawkda), Douglas Spencer.

Jim de Liscard

I've run odd conventions (Year Of The Wombat, DamnFineCon, etc) and at other cons, I'm often found in the dealers' room, bar, or panels (Alan Moore, pornography), and I organised the film programme for the Manchester Eastercon. I'm a regular at Odocon and have been to Swedish conventions; JETS would be a chance to go further and visit the country that I've always wanted to go to. My fanzine, *Gerald*, has been described as 'bloody funny and considerably intelligent'. Vote for me for a long trip report noting the anthropological differences between UK and Japanese fandoms. With knob gags.

Nominators: James Bacon, Alison Freebairn, Anders Holmström, Tobes Valds.

Jukka Halme

I'm a fan. Sometimes I write stuff. I've been known to pub fanzines and drink beer. And mail. Recently I've been organising cons. I also read books, even the ones I haven't edited. I'm a goshwowoboyseensawunda-fan at heart. I'm a Chief Finnish and love to meet new fan. Some people think I'd make a good candidate, someone who cares about fandom. Then again, I understand they also think this comes with a one-way ticket to Japan attached to it. Personally, I'd just love to eat all that sushi. And have a cup of sake as well. Kamppii!

Nominators: Johan Anglemark, Olav M J Christiansen, Tori Jerriann, Tero Yspesläjä.

Tom Nanson ('FanTom') and Teddy

We have been active in Fandom since 1987 but, so far, the only Worldcons we have attended have been European (Brighton, The Hague, Glasgow and Glasgow). Over the years we have attended UniCons, Mediacons, Worldcons, EasterCons, FilkCons, Gaming Cons and Costume Cons – which goes some way to illustrate the spread of our Fannish interests and activities. In addition to which, we have been involved in running conventions, running and entering Masquerades, exhibiting artworks, contributed to and helped run fanzines and groups and (though this is stretching it a bit) helped with Tech. Please choose us!

Nominators: Lisa Alicock, Fran Dowd, Nicole Kipar, Barbara Stewart.

Chris O'Shea ('The Magician')

Why vote for me? Because I've been active in fandom for longer than I care to remember. I've been committee on four Easterncons, I've worked for ten Worldcons, and helped run countless other conventions. Because I really want to go to Nippon 2007 but can't afford it. Because I'll blog my trip report live, as well as producing a traditional paper fanzine afterwards. Because I'll send you a postcard from Japan, and if I pick your name from a hat I'll also send you back a cheap item of inexplicable Japanese ephemera. And I'll pay the carbon offset for the flights!

Nominators: Nigel Furlong, Marcus Streets, Peter Weston, Nik Whitehead.

Liam Proven

Why? Never been, always longed to can't afford it. Love Worldcons, love travel, love talking and meeting people. Love languages. (Watashi wa nihongo no gakusei desu. Wakarimasu sukoshi.) Want to explore to wn and county, the fandom and the goth/rock/biker/nightclub/subculture scenes. Who? Outgoing, sociable, active fan for twenty years. Want to get to know people and promote Eurofandom, especially online communities. Fanzine distributor for hire! And then? Professional writer with regularly-updated LiveJournal, and travel-writer. Competent photographer and public speaker, too. Written reviews, concepts and articles for multiple zines. Will blog as I go and publish an expanded print version shortly afterwards.

Nominators: Erik Arthur, Dave Langford, Alice Lawson, Caroline Mullan.

Robert 'nojay' Sheddon

The Kilt goes Nilnon: I've always had an interest in Japan as a place and a culture. When the 2007 bid was announced I supported it wholeheartedly and I was very pleased when Yokohama won in 2004 (well, I voted for it...). I'd like to meet Japanese fans on their home ground, and I hope the JETS fan fund will let me do this more easily. While I'm there I'll try to keep in touch with a blog but I'll write up a more coherent trip report on my return. And yes, I'll wear a kilt. Promise.

Nominators: Andrew Adams, Tim Illingworth, Charlie Stross, Dave Tompkins.