

**Dublin in 2019, an Irish Worldcon**

**FANNISH INQUISITION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Who will represent your convention at Dublin, and how can they be contacted?

Our Bid co-chairs are Bill Lawhorn and Colette H. Fozard, and they can be reached at [chair@dcin2021.org](mailto:chair@dcin2021.org) or by the phone numbers included in the return e-mail.

What are the dates for your convention?

Wednesday, August 25 through Sunday, August 29, 2021

Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb?

Our convention site is in the City of Washington, DC

- If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city center? How far is the site from the city center?
  - N/A

What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as Auckland, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dublin, Helsinki, London, Los Angeles, Melbourne?

- Is your closest airport a hub for a major carrier? Yes – several (see below)
- Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Yes
- If not, where is the closest international airport? Dulles (IAD)
- Which airlines service your airport? See below.
- Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport? See chart below

DCA (Reagan National Airport) is the closest airport to DC, but Dulles is the closest International Airport. There is also Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI)

Distance from DC to Dulles (IAD): 26.7 mi

Distance from DC to Baltimore (BWI): 31.3 mi

City	Expedia Price August 2019	Number of stops (airport)
Auckland	\$1,479	1 stop
Beijing	\$2,307	nonstop (IAD)
Boston	\$156	nonstop (All)
Chicago	\$158	nonstop (All)
Dallas	\$350	nonstop (DCA. IAD)
Dublin	\$508	nonstop (IAD)
Helsinki	\$1,006	1 stop
London	\$1,314	nonstop (IAD, BWI)
Los Angeles	\$329	nonstop (All)

City	Expedia Price August 2019	Number of stops (airport)
Melbourne	\$1,002	1 stop
New Orleans	\$218	nonstop (All)
Nice	\$1,248	1 stop
San Jose	\$302	Nonstop (BWI)
Seattle	\$360	nonstop (All)

- Are there other major transportation options to reach your city such as ship or train?

Union Station in Washington, DC is a major Amtrak station. It is a direct Metro ride (on the Red Line) from Union Station to the Woodley Park-Zoo Metro stop next to our venue.

How far is your convention site from the nearest airport/train station and what is the likely cost of getting to the hotels by both public transport and taxi from that airport/train station?

	Distance From	Public Transit	Taxi/App-based Car Svcs
<b>Reagan National (DCA)</b>	7.5 mi.	\$3.35	\$20.00
<b>Dulles Int'l (IAD)</b>	28.9 mi.	\$11.00	\$50.00
<b>Balt-Wash (BWI)</b>	34.7 mi.	\$11.40	\$80.00
<b>Union Station (Amtrak)</b>	3.7 mi.	\$2.40	\$20.00

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention?

Our primary hotel is the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, and we are contracting for overflow rooms and function space at the Omni Shoreham Hotel across Calvert Road.

- How many rooms?
  - Marriott Wardman Park – 1,100 rooms blocked in hotel on peak nights
  - Omni Shoreham – 200 rooms on peak nights
- How many Singles/Doubles/Kings?
  - Marriott Wardman Park – 380 standard/625 Double/ 80 suites
  - Omni Shoreham – 200 rooms on peak nights
- What other types of rooms are available? How many are handicap accessible?
  - Both the Marriott and the Omni are fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and access hotel booking will be available before general booking to ensure access needs and rooms matched appropriately.
- Are there any accessibility issues?
  - Both hotels are fully ADA compliant, and there is elevator access to a short crosswalk between the two venues
- What are your hotel room rates?
  - Marriott Wardman Park: \$165/night single-quad occupancy
  - Omni Shoreham: \$169/night single-quad occupancy

- Do these rates include breakfast?
  - No
- What is the lodging tax rate for your hotels? Are taxes included in the prices you have quoted?
  - Current taxes are 14.95% and are not included in the above rates.
- Do the rates include internet in the room?
  - If you are a member of either Marriott Rewards or Omni Select Guest programs, you get free internet in your room. Both programs are free to join.
- Do any of the hotels have shuttles to/from the airport, train station, or port?
  - Not complimentary, transportation can be hired.
- What is the distance from the main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site?
  - About 80% of the activities will take place at the Marriott Wardman Park. If there is an activity at the Omni Shoreham Hotel that the attendee wishes to go to, we estimate a distance of 300 feet (91 meters) from the exit to one building to the entrance of the other.
- What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?
  - We do not plan to have transportation between these two facilities.

Please describe your convention site facilities. For example, the quantity and sizes of function rooms, tech options, accessibility issues, etc.

There are three levels of convention space all accessible via escalators and multiple elevators.

Where would your large events (for example the Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?

Marriott Ballroom. This room has 3,300 capacity plus additional capacity on balconies.

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

There is a vibrant restaurant in the neighborhood with a variety of meal options with various price points from McDonalds to fine dining. If members get on Metro, there are many additional restaurants within two stops. The Marriott has agreed to allow food trucks to come in during peak meal times.

What are the policies/laws regarding smoking at your:

- Hotel(s): Non-smoking
- Convention Center: n/a
- City: Smoking allowed at specified distances outside of facilities.

What type of weather can we expect at the time of year your convention is to be held? What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

The temperature averages at about 78 degrees F, with the range going from the low 90's to the upper 60's in the evening. It tends to be humid, but there is ample air conditioning in most public places.

What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space?

DC in 2021 has in its contract 80 suites in the Marriott Wardman Park, which we will be allocating to various parties and gatherings over the convention. The suites will be blocked with buffers.

- Do you have a corkage waiver and a forrage waiver?
  - Yes
- Are there legal restrictions on attendees who are under the legal drinking age? (And what is that drinking age?)
  - For parties it is up to the hosts if they allow entrance of minors into party space. The legal drinking age is 21. Serving to minors is prohibited. The venue does not have a restriction on where minor attendees can be at various times – all minors (and adults) need to conform to the venue's Code of Conduct.

What are some of the main tourist attractions of your city?

Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, WWII, Korean and Vietnam Memorials, to name a few. The Smithsonian Institution has 19 free museums, 17 in Washington, DC; and their National Zoological Park is 4 blocks from the hotel.

Do you currently have a code of conduct in place for your bid/convention?

- If so, what is it?
- If not, do you intend to have one?

The DC in 2021 bid is currently operating under the Code of Conduct of our sponsoring organization, BWAWA, Inc. The CoC is located at: [http://bwawa.org/bwawa-main/?page\\_id=19](http://bwawa.org/bwawa-main/?page_id=19)

If we win the bid, a separate CoC will be developed and used for the Worldcon in 2021 which will be built on that foundation.

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for specific groups, such as young adults, military, seniors or families?

Yes