

Corflu 37

Progress Report #1 July 2019

Breaking News - hotel selected!



The College Station Hilton Hotel and Convention Center has been selected as the host site of Corflu 37, to be held over the weekend of March 13-15, 2020. As this Progress Report goes to press – er, I mean, pixilation – the contract is under review, so once the actual room rates are set Corflu 37 attending members will be able to get their reservations. The link to do so will be included in Progress Report #2, which will in all likelihood appear fairly quickly.

The reasons why Pablo and I chose the Hilton over the Courtyard Marriott are easy to understand: more centrally located, more rooms and meeting space, with assorted amenities (complimentary shuttle for group sorties if desired, for example), large on-site restaurant, and a much bigger and better appointed bar.

In the next Progress Report – probably out before the end of next month – I will provide the link to the Hilton Hotel for making reservations, in addition to other information regarding how to get there by air, land, or sea. For now, here is the website:

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-college-station-and-conference-center-CLLCHHF/index.html>



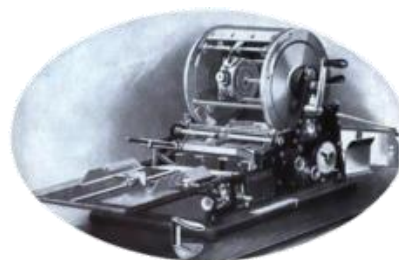
Membership Rates

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Attending	USA	UK
Until 31 August 2019	\$50	£40
1 Sept. - 31 Dec. 2019	\$75	£60
1 Jan - 29 Feb. 2020	\$100	£80
1 March 2020 to at door	\$125	£100

Supporting	USA	UK
Until 31 December 2019	\$25	£20
1 January 2020 to con date	\$50	£40

Attending membership is inclusive of the Sunday brunch banquet



So you want to pay to join Corflu 37? Silly person. Here's how:

Membership Payments

US checks should be made payable to **John A. Purcell** and sent to him at: John A. Purcell, 3744 Marielene Circle, College Station, TX 77845, USA.

UK cheques should be made payable to **Rob Jackson** and sent to him at: Corflu 37, c/o Rob Jackson, Chinthay, Nightingale Lane, Hambrook, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8UH, UK.

PayPal may be used for memberships from any country, but if your account is in a foreign currency other than British pounds, please enter the payment amount in US dollars and let PayPal make the conversion to your home currency.

[Use this link to open the PayPal website](#), and follow these instructions:

Log in and click on "Send or request money," then "Send money."

For payments in US dollars, enter the recipient as **askance73@gmail.com**

For payments in British pounds, enter the recipient as **jacksonshambrook@uwclub.net**

According to the type of membership you want, enter the appropriate amount from the options above. At this point please add a note which includes "Corflu 37". Choose "Sending to a friend," then complete the payment.



FAAn Awards

Yeah, these will be handed out on Sunday after the banquet and speechifying. I have been following the discussion in the last couple issues of Nic Farey's fanzine *This Here*, and welcome ideas as to what can be done about these. Many people have some very good ideas about this, and in the second Progress Report I would like to include a letter column discussion in which fans can express their opinions both pro and con regarding categories and presentation format. There is, in my mind, a good amount of time available to formulate a more efficacious means of distributing egoboo amongst fanzine fans. Oh, and my wife Valerie, an artist and craftsperson, will be designing the FAAn Award certificates and other awards.

Corflu 50

There is already some discussion on who should be the recipient of the Corflu 50 Fan Fund, in which fanzine fans contribute towards bringing a notable fanzine fan to the next year's Corflu. If you are interested in learning more about the Corflu 50, the go-to guy is Rich Coad (richcoad@gmail.com), but PR #2 will have more information about this aspect for inquisitive readers.

Tentative Progress Report Schedule

#2 – August 2019

Topics: Hotel reservations, local sites of interest, map, program, Corflu 50, FAAn Awards discussion forum

#3 – November/December 2019

Topics: updates, map of the area, restaurant listing, call for auction items, Corflu 50, FAAn Award ballots

#4 – February 2020

Topics: updates, and more hooahaw leading up to Corflu 37

The Program

As anybody who has ever attended a Corflu in the past, there actually is programming, sort of. Exactly *what* each panel will be about is up to the members. Therefore, send ideas for panel discussion and debate to either Pablo or myself (contact information on the last page), then we will see what looks like fun and/or important topics. Here is the general plan of attack (all times tentative):

Friday, March 13, 2020

auction display 3:00 - 6:00 PM
opening ceremony 5:00 - 6:00 PM (in the bar, where else?)
dinner time!

Saturday, March 14, 2020

panel discussions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
auction 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Andrew Hooper play: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
dinner time!

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Banquet (luncheon) ~ 11:30 AM-12:30 to 1:00 PM
guest of honor speech 12:30 PM? 1:00 PM ?
Presentation of Awards ~ 1:00 - 1:30 PM
2021 site selection ~ 1:30 PM
Adjournment 2:00 PM

The Dead Dog party will be a backyard barbecue at the Purcell's house on Sunday afternoon starting at roughly 6 PM, and mostly will end somewhere around midnight. We hope.

Corflu 37 Members:

- 1 A Ted White
- 2 A Sandra Bond
- 3 A Geri Sullivan
- 4 A Mark Olson
- 5 A Joe Siclari
- 6 A Edie Stern
- 7 A Rich Coad
- 8 A Elaine Stiles
- 9 A Steve Stiles
- 10 A Jay Kinney
- 11 A Frank Lunney
- 12 A Dan Steffan
- 13 A Lynn Steffan
- 14 A Curt Phillips
- 15 A Murray Moore
- 16 A Mary Ellen Moore
- 17 A Michael Dobson
- 18 A Rob Jackson
- 19 A Mowgli Assor
- 20 A Nigel Rowe
- 21 A Pat Virzi
- 22 A John Purcell
- 23 A Valerie Purcell
- 24 A Ken Forman
- 25 S Robert Lichtman
- 26 A Keith Freeman
- 27 S Nic Farey
- 28 S Jennifer ALee Farey

Except where noted, all functions will be held in the Oakwood Ballroom.

On either Friday afternoon or late Saturday morning, there will be an excursion to see the SF and Fanzine collection at Cushing Library at Texas A&M University. A Hilton shuttle bus will be provided to convention members.

The Corflu 37 Committee (So Far):

- John Purcell:
Co-Chair, FAAn Awards, program, & publications
- Pablo Miguel Alberto Vazquez:
Co-Chair, Web site, & Program
- Valerie Purcell:
Hospitality, Award Certificates
- Bill Burns: Webmaster
- David Thayer & Brad Foster:
Publications
- Rob Jackson:
British Agent & Online Corflu stuff
- Other committee members to be announced, and a yet-to-be-determined cast of thousands! Maybe even you!

Special thanks to Brad Foster for the Corflu 37 logo

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Membership information is on page 2

Corflu website: www.corflu.org

This should get things started. The attending membership rate increases on 1 September 2019 to \$75 USD, or £60 GBP. Therefore, beat the change by registering before then for the paltry sum of \$50 USD/£40 GBP. It will be worth it! The links to do so are on page 2 in the membership information. Also, I am considering an at-the-door one day rate; how much that would be is yet to be determined. But for now, this is what you need to know. Otherwise, we will see you folks in College Station in eight months!

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