

QUESTIONNAIRE for Eurocon

General

Name of Bid Erasmuscon

What dates are you bidding for? 17 – 20 august 2024

What is your proposed convention host city? Is your convention site in a city center location or a suburb? If a suburb, what are the transport options into the city centre? How far is the site from the city centre?

Ahoy Convention Centre in Rotterdam 7 stops south by metro from Rotterdam Central Station

What are your main facilities? How far are your hotels from your main venue?

Ahoy Convention Centre, one hotel on site, other hotels between 2 and 7 stops north by metro, all on walking distance from stops, all stops have lifts

Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general?

André de Boer chair, Paul van Oven treasury, Jan Scholte and Tanja van Oven. All getting experience with the yearly Dutch science fiction Conventions, some were present at worldcon Dublin, all have organised other events

If known, who will be the chair of the convention? What experience do they have?

Probably André de Boer

Travel

Do international flights, as well as domestic, fly into your local airport? Which airlines? If not, where is the closest international airport? Are direct flights from the cities above flown into your local airport?

Schiphol and Rotterdam Airport both are international airports, Schiphol has a direct train connection with Rotterdam

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

Metro stop Rotterdam Zuidplein is approximately 200 meters from Ahoy

Facilities

What hotel(s) are being used for the convention? How many rooms have you secured, what type are they, do they accommodate accessibility needs, etc.?

Probably the new hotel that will be built next year on site, so no accommodation secured. Since it is a new hotel it will have the latest accessibility requirements

What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet access in the room? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?

Not known yet

What does parking cost at your main hotels?

This hotel will probably use the parking space of Ahoy rates will be discussed with Ahoy

What is the distance from the nearest door of your main hotel(s) to the closest entrance of the convention site? What are the transportation options for those who prefer not to walk or who have mobility difficulties?

100 meter

Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.

Ahoy has in house restaurants and there are several restaurants in various price ranges around metro station Zuidplein

Please describe the policies / laws regarding smoking in your hotel(s), convention centre, and city.

All buildings and even the platforms at metro- and tramstops and train stations are no smoking

Given the current pandemic, have you considered any arrangements have been made for social distancing and the health and safety of members? If you have, can you describe what your current plans are?

We will follow the rules set by Ahoy

Miscellaneous

What type of weather can we expect during your convention? What is the average temperature during that time of year?

Usually day temperatures between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius, At night mostly about 15 degrees. Heatwave is possible but in August not likely. Rain is possible.

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

Several museums, Euromast, Zoo and other things. Since we are organising the convention with the support of Rotterdam Partners (set up to promote Rotterdam) there might be special offers

Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups and which ones?

No

What is your vision for your Convention? How do you plan to make it happen?

We have the full support of Ahoy and we will have a great convention

What is a notable aspect of your local fan culture and how do you plan to incorporate it into your Convention?

There are many fangroups with limited interests like only Doctor Who, only Star Trek or only Starwars, but we will try to include as much as we can and we will have a diverse convention as possible

Do you have a code of conduct? If so, is it available online and if so, where?

Of course at the moment at www.hsfcon.nl, but as soon as www.erasmuscon.nl is up and running we will include it there too

What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?

We are working on having as divers a convention as we can make, we will not exclude anybody on forehand

How are you working towards your goals in these areas?

We are looking for contacts in all areas that we can think of

What changes or challenges do you expect the current pandemic to present?

People will wait very long before buying tickets, and this will make planning a lot more difficult

Have you planned for a virtual component to your convention?

No

How many of your programme items will be in English?

Expect at least 50%