



Anticipation

*Anticipation 2009*  
*67<sup>th</sup> World Science Fiction Convention*  
*Montréal, Québec*  
*August 6 - August 10, 2009*

The World Science Fiction Society invites papers for the academic track of the 2009 World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon): Anticipation. This year's Worldcon will be held at the Palais des congrès de Montréal in Montréal, Québec (Canada) from Thursday 6 August through Monday 10 August, 2009.

Science fiction has its roots in as much the anticipations of H. G. Wells's scientific romances as Jules Verne's *voyages extraordinaires*. Anticipation is also a commonly used French term for Science Fiction literature and has bilingual echoes. In honour of our location in the world's second-largest French-speaking city, the suggested theme for this year is "Anticipations in Science Fiction."

The academic track welcomes fifteen-minute papers on this theme and any other topic related to science fiction. We are especially interested in works on our guests of honour, including:

**Guest of Honor: Neil Gaiman**, Award-winning author of *Anansi Boys*, *American Gods*, *Stardust*, and *1602*.

**Invitée d'honneur: Elisabeth Vonarburg**, Award-winner author of *Reine de Mémoire - La Maison d'Oubli*, *Le Dragon de Feu*, *Le Dragon Fou*, *La Princesse de Vengeance*, and *La Maison d'Équité - Vraies Histoires fausses*, and *La Silence de la Cité*.

**Editor Guest of Honour: David Hartwell**, Hugo Award-winner, editor and co-editor of numerous anthologies, and Tor Senior Editor.

Please send a 300 word abstract (including any audio-visual requirements) as a Rich Text Format file attachment to both Academic Track Division Heads by the deadline of January 15, 2009:

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