

### ONE WEEK TO GO UNTIL UNSEEN UNIVERSITY OPEN WEEKEND!

Greetings from Acting-Achchancellor Shivers! With only a week to go until the start of our Open Weekend (IDWCon 2017), we've put together this handy checklist, so that even our most absent-minded visiting academics will be prepared:

#### THE ESSENTIALS

**Membership:** Have you got your membership? It might seem obvious, but remember that you won't be allowed into any of the events or convention areas without one! To be extra sure, check to see if your badge name appears on our Membership List. Remember that all children must be registered as members too.

**Terms and Conditions:** We know they don't make very interesting reading, but we like to think that our visiting wizards are the sort of studious, meticulous people who'll make sure they're aware of our ground rules. Read them on our website – see especially our Weapons Policy and the 'Harassment & Decency' and 'Photography' sections.

**Accommodation:** You'll probably need to book a hotel room, whether in the Cork International or an overflow hotel, if you haven't already. You can find out how to do this on the 'Book a Room' page on our website. If you have any queries about booking a room, please email the hotel.

**Travel:** Again, don't forget to make the travel arrangements you may need! Make sure you've booked any flights/ferries/trains etc. – we'll miss seeing your lovely faces if you don't. If you're coming from overseas, you might need to arrange travel/medical insurance too. Don't forget your EU health insurance card if you have one!

#### THE OTHER THINGS

**For those early birds among you,** there will be a small informal social event on the Thursday evening, in the hotel lobby area. It's a chance to get to know your fellow attendees before the convention even starts.

**Get Your Membership Pack:** The most important thing to do when you arrive is to collect your Membership Pack from the Registration Desk (from midday on Friday). Your pack contains a convention programme booklet, which will tell you everything you need to know, as well as your membership badge and some other goodies.

**Merchandise:** If you pre-ordered any merchandise, then well done you – just take the chitty you'll find in your member pack to our merch stand. For those that didn't pre-order, there'll be a very small amount of pre-order merchandise available to buy at the con, as well as some other surprises, so bring a few spare Euros with you.

**Gala Dinner:** If you were lucky enough to get a ticket, it'll be in your membership pack. Remember, the dress code is formal, semi-formal, or costume.

**Maskerade:** If you'd like to strut your stuff in our famous Maskerade, please email us at [info@idwcon.org](mailto:info@idwcon.org) and we'll gladly sign you up or answer any questions you may have.

**Volunteering:** And lastly, why not help us make this Con even better? There's plenty of ways to assist, from First Aid to helping the Tech Team. Just let us know at the Registration Desk if you'd like to help us with anything.

#### PACKING LIST

- Wallet/purse/money pouch
- Phone + Charger
- Proof of Concession status (if required)
- Passport and other international documents (if needed)
- Electric adaptor, if you're coming from outside UK/Ireland
- Costume (if you want to)
- Miscellaneous craft supplies for the Craft Room, e.g. scissors, cardboard, pens, wool, string, glue, cloth, thread, ribbons, etc.
- Donations for the Charity Auction
- Clothes, toothbrush etc.
- A sizeable Luggage (possibly sapient) to carry all of the above!

#### ENCHANTER'S ENIGMA

Rearrange the letters of the following words into a thematically-appropriate word or phrase:

NO GIRL ANSWERER

Clue: Has a history of embarrassment in female company. The previous edition's enigma answer was of course **A WIZARD'S STAFF HAS A KNOB ON THE END**. Find this edition's enigma answer below left.

The Irish Discworld Convention 2017 will be held at the Cork International Hotel from the 6th to the 9th of October.

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