

Start Time	Baikonur (Main)	Canaveral (Alternative)
10:30:00		Opening Ceremony <i>Committee and Guest of Honour</i>
11:00:00	Fifty years of Space Exploration <i>Robert Law</i>	Chaos Satellite Building <i>Dalg</i>
12:00:00	Children from the Sky <i>Duncan Lunan</i>	It's only the end of the world again... <i>Ken MacLeod, Christine Davidson, Michael Davidson, Helenex</i>
13:00:00	The Gate of Heaven – Space without Rockets! <i>Andy Nimmo</i>	Well... it's certainly not how we imagined it (or is it?) <i>Simon Bradshaw, David Dryden, Mad Elf, Mark Meenan</i>
14:00:00		Guest of Honour talk <i>Ken MacLeod</i>
15:00:00	The next 50 years in Science Fiction <i>Ken MacLeod, Bridget Bradshaw, Mike Gallagher, Madrory</i>	Confounding Tales presents... What is it like to be a Saladtite? <i>Munchkin</i>
16:00:00	Huygens and Me <i>Phil Wellings</i>	The Search for Space <i>Ed Buckley</i>
17:00:00	Finding Uranus... <i>Mad Elf</i>	Science Fiction Glasguensis <i>Cuddles, DC, Munchkin, Ian Sorensen</i>
18:00:00	The next 50 years in Space <i>Ken MacLeod, Simon Bradshaw, Andy Nimmo, Steve Cooper</i>	It's a far, far better ending.... <i>Tianti, Dyllanne, Jean Thompson, Michael Davidson</i>
19:00:00		Closing Ceremony <i>Committee and Guest of Honour</i>
19:15:00		The Best Yet Pan Galactic Symposium
20:45:00		Dead Laika Party and Pub Quiz

## Satellite 1 Programme

### 11:00 50 years of Space Exploration

Comrade Robert will recount the glorious achievements made by the Soviet Union, together with the contributions of less socially enlightened nations, over the past 50 years. His talk will span Sputnik 1, Yuri Gagarin, Vostok and Mercury, the Gemini Missions, the race to the moon, the Space Shuttle, Mir and International Space Station.

### 11:00 Chaos Satellite Building

Construct your satellite from an assortment of junk under the watchful eye of Comrade Launch Controller Dalg. Much silliness, arguing and sticking of fingers together! A prize will be awarded for the best satellite.

### 12:00 Children from the Sky

Comrade Duncan discusses the strange case of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Green Children of Woolpit. He will summarise the evidence for the existence of these children and offer speculations about their origins, which, if true, suggest that the *X-Files* was set in entirely the wrong century!

### 12:00 It's only the end of the world again

From oil crisis to nuclear winter to SARS. Over the past 50 years, mankind has always seemed to be on the edge of some global catastrophe. Is climate change any different...and is getting into space

the solution?

### 13:00 **The Gate of Heaven – Space without Rockets!**

American companies are planning to build the first space elevator by 2030. Comrade Andy will describe the technology behind space elevators and explain how their combination with rockets taxis and orbiting space hotels could bring space tourism to the masses.

### 13:00 **Well...it's certainly not how we imagined it (or is it)?**

How well did SF of the 1950's predict the modern world...and how well do we think current SF will stand up in 50 years time? The panel consider books, and other SF, from each era.

### 14:00 **Ken MacLeod**

### 15:00 **The next 50 years in SF**

What does the next half-century hold for science fiction? Does the increasing rate of technological change make it impossible to write accurately about the near future? And how will SF be published? Are printed books dead? Will everyone be published on the internet? Will media SF become a total immersion, holosuite-style activity?

15:00 **Confounding Tales presents... What is it like to be a Saladtite?** Munchkin, of ConFounding Tales! infamy, wants to beat those pesky Ruskies and get a Briton into orbit. Come along and help, especially if you have knobbly knees.

Warning - will contain Goonery.

### 16:00 **Huygens and Me - the Engineer's Perspective**

Comrade Phil worked on the Huygens parachute system from just after contract award until hardware delivery. He will give a thoroughly unofficial talk on what it's like to deal with the unglamorous side of space exploration.

### 16:00 **The Search for Space**

Comrade Ed will deliver an illustrated talk on 20<sup>th</sup> century comics. Defying the evil known as "Microsoft" (surely a capitalist invention?) he will use only a powerful, antique, slide projector, fabricated entirely from redundant tanks and laser targeting system. Will his eyebrows survive?

### 17:00 **"Finding Uranus" or "Pin the Satellite on the Planet"**

Comrade Mad Elf (Glorious God-Tsar of the Solar System) and his beautiful assistant Komosol Danae (Space Tsarina Extraordinaire) reprise their fiendishly game of knowledge, skill and shouting....this time in 3D! If you know the difference between Mars Express and Pizza Express, this is for you.

### 17:00 **Science fiction Glasguensis**

Glasgow has long been a focus for SF fandom, from *Faircon* and *Albacon* to *Intersection* and *Interaction*, and from the original *Friends of Kilgore Trout* to the recent *Resurgence of Trout*. We take a nostalgic look at Glasgow fandom through the years...and ask what the future holds. Is there still a place for "traditional" cons, or are media events and more fun-orientated conventions (such as *Confounding Tales*) the future?

### 18:00 **The next 50 years in Space**

Our panel look in their crystal balls and attempt to predict where Mankind might be in 50 years time. Will be "out there" mining the asteroids or still on Planet Earth fighting over resources such as water and oil?

### 18:00 **It's a far, far better ending than I have ever known...**

(with apologies to Charles Dickens) The panel looks at endings in media SF. Which series and movies delivered a truly stunning finale...and which ended with more of a whimper than a bang?

### 19:15 **The Best Yet Pan-Galactic Symposium**

Duncan Lunan introduces readings and music to celebrate the Sputnik Anniversary. Featuring Michael Cobley, Hal Duncan, Gary Gibson, Danny Thomson, Neil Williamson, and Jasper the Dog Star (in memory of Laika)!

### 20:45 **Dead Laika Party and Pub Quiz**

In further tribute to our dearly-departed, celestial canine comrade, the convention will conclude with the imbibing of fermented alcoholic beverages and the opportunity to participate in healthy competitive mental activity (at least for all those with neurons not already destroyed by the aforementioned alcoholic beverages!).