



# DisCon III

## Questionnaire Instructions

The questionnaire below includes some of the most asked questions for Worldcons, SMOFcons, and bids. Please email the completed answers to [wsfs@discon3.org](mailto:wsfs@discon3.org) by **Wednesday, December 8, 2021**. The completed questionnaires will be posted on the DisCon III website [www.discon3.org](http://www.discon3.org) as they come in.

Please answer all the questions *in line* below. If a question doesn't apply to your bid, please indicate with N/A.

There are four sections to the questionnaire. If the answer won't be known until some future date, please provide an estimate of when you will be able to provide an answer. For example, for the question about room rates you might answer "These are expected to be agreed by [date]. Current internet rates are X per night room only for a double or twin and Y for single occupancy." Take as much room as you need.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

### General

*Name of Bid: **JeddiCon***

*What dates are you bidding for? **Aug 2026***

*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 center? How far is the site from the city center?*

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Is closer to the old city center (10 min by car), but is surrounded by many facilities and malls.

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

Hotels are 5-20 min by car from the convention center.

*Who is your bid chair? Who is on your committee? What experience do they have in general? In running Worldcons?*

Yasser Bahjatt is the Jiddi Grand Master, Ibraheem Abbas, Ashraf Faqeeh, Thamer Al-Turaif. They are all top professionals in several fields including IT, HR, Marketing, etc.

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

Yasser Bahjatt will also be the chair of the convention.

*Have you agreed to participate in Pass-Along Funds? Would you be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus?*

We would be willing to pass-along funds in line with local laws.

## Travel

*What is the typical current airfare to your closest airport from world cities such as London, Boston, Los Angeles, Tokyo, Melbourne, etc.?*

<b>Boston</b>	1000
<b>Chicago</b>	1000
<b>Los Angeles</b>	1200
<b>New York</b>	900

<b>Dublin</b>	1200
<b>London LHR</b>	800
<b>Helsinki</b>	1200
<b>Wellington</b>	1000
<b>Chengdu</b>	1000
<b>Rio De Janeiro</b>	2000

*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?*

Yes, King Abdulaziz International Airport, too many airlines to list.

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

The train station is 5 min from the convention center, there is a train running from the airport to that train station.

## Facilities

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

Not yet set

*What does parking cost at your main hotels?*

All hotels provide free parking

*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?*

5 min by car, and we will have shuttles between the hotels and the center

*Where will your large events (i.e. Hugo Ceremony and Masquerade) be held?*

The main auditorium

*Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.*

There is a very live restaurant scene near the center, with many options from all types of cosine in the surrounding area. Plus several mall food courts.

*What arrangements will be made for evening socializing and party space? Do you have a corkage waiver?*

We will have special events organized. Alcohol is not permitted in Saudi.

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

<b>Hotel</b>	No indoor smoking
<b>Function Area</b>	No indoor smoking
<b>City</b>	No indoor 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 local Saudi laws and guideline that are in place at the time.

## Miscellaneous

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

Jeddah temp in Aug is 38/27 C

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

Sea activities, old city, desert safaris.

*Are you planning to have any membership discounts for certain demographic groups, such as young adults, military, or seniors?*

Seniors, Military & Students will have discounts.

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

We will work with local government entities and universities to provide in kind support.

*What challenges do you face?*

The Worldcon community.

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

We are the intersection of global cultures, we will make sure that we have a VERY diverse program and guests of honor, insuring that we represent the west and east.

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

Saudi public decency laws.

*What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?*

Accepting all cultures and representing them, allowing them to have a voice in the conference, and insure that the Worldcon is a WORLD con, not a western (or even more accurately an American) con.

*How are you working toward your goals in these areas?*

*What would concrete achievements look like in these areas?*

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

*Have you planned for a virtual component to your convention?*

Yes

*Your members vote for Hugo Award Finalists who are then excited and wish to play a full part in the convention program. How do you plan to facilitate the Finalists' input as recognized by your community?*

We will make sure to provide a way for finalizts to participate in the program as well as have special program slots for the finalists of each category.