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Time to Gain Eligibility to Nominate Works For The Hugo Awards Ends Soon

The Hugo Awards celebrate the best in the field of science fiction and fantasy.

Hugos are presented each year at the World Science Fiction Convention (Worldcon).

The Hugo nomination process for works published or otherwise released in 2009 and individual achievement awards is open to supporting or attending members of the 2009 Worldcon (Anticipation) or the upcoming 2010 Worldcon (Aussiecon 4).

The nominating period for the Hugo Awards commenced 1 January 2010, and nominations must be received by 13 March 2010.

However, in order to be eligible to nominate, you must have purchased an Aussiecon 4 membership by **31 January 2010** or have been a member of the 2009 Worldcon, Anticipation.

A shortlist of the five most popular works or achievements in each award category will be published in early April 2010, with the voting process open to Aussiecon 4 members until 31 July 2010.

The Hugo Awards Ceremony will be one of the highlights of Aussiecon 4, and will take place on the evening of Sunday 5 September 2010.

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Australia is proud to host the 68th World Science Fiction Convention (“Worldcon”). Join us at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre 2 – 6 September 2010 for the opportunity to meet writers and artists, publishers and editors, and science fiction fans from around the world. The convention will also host the prestigious Hugo Awards Ceremony and an Art Show featuring award-winning artwork. Aussiecon 4 will place Australia at the centre of the science fiction and fantasy literature world.

Aussiecon 4 is the fourth Worldcon to be held in Australia. Our previous conventions (held in 1975, 1985, and 1999) have been widely acclaimed. Aussiecon 4 is shaping up to be the best yet!

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