

## Questionnaire Instructions

The questionnaire below includes some of the most asked questions for Worldcon/SMOFcons and bids. Please email the completed answers to [info@smofcon38.ca](mailto:info@smofcon38.ca) by **Sunday, 22 November, 2020**. The completed questionnaires will be posted on the Smofcon 37 ¼ website (<https://sites.grenadine.co/sites/conzealand/en/smofcon-37-14>) by **Tuesday, 1 December, 2020**.

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

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."

# QUESTIONNAIRE

## General

### **Name of Bid**

PandaCon  
Our slogan is: "Panda wants a WorldCon!"

### **What dates are you bidding for?**

August or September, 2023

### **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 centre? How far is the site from the city centre?**

My proposed convention host city is Chengdu.  
The site is located in our city center.  
The site is 11.8 km from the city center, 30 minutes by car, 39 minutes by subway, 62 minutes by

bus..

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

Chengdu New Convention and Exhibition Center.  
The new venue is 5-minute walk from the hotels.

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

He Xi is our bid chair. He is a well-known science fiction writer in China, multiple [Yinhe Award](#)-winner. Although our formal committee members are not finalized and to be announced (though we have international volunteers, support, and interest), what we are sure of now is that all of them have participated or organized quite a few conventions, both within China and around the world, including but not limited to multiple WorldCons. For example, the candidates from the Science Fiction World magazine, such as Haijun YAO, have 30 years experiences running the Galaxy Award Convention; and for candidates from Eight Light Minutes Culture, such as Yilun FAN and Tong XIA, they have attended Loscon42, ConVolution 2015, Gaslight Gathering 5, SFRA Annual Conference 2016 and Worldcon 76 ....Other Chinese committee affiliates include Regina Kanyu WANG and Stanley Qiufan CHAN among others who are active in international fandom activities.

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

We haven't voted yet.

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

Yes, I do.

I would be willing to increase the percentage from 50% to 70% of surplus.

## Travel

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

Let's say if we have an Aug 1-10 round trip in 2020, here're the minimum cost from major


international cities, price searched as of Dec 1st, 2019——

Exchange rate: 100 yuan =14.23 USD (searched as of Dec 1st, 2019)  
=12.79 EURO (searched as of Dec 5th, 2019)

New York:	RMB 7641 yuan	UDS 1084	EURO 977
Los Angeles:	RMB 5978 yuan	UDS 848	EURO 764
San Francisco:	RMB 4836 yuan	UDS 686	EURO 618
Vancouver, BC:	RMB 4980 yuan	UDS 760	EURO 637
Chicago:	RMB 4480 yuan	UDS 636	EURO 573
Toronto:	RMB 7375 yuan	UDS 1046	EURO 943
Philadelphia:	RMB 8432 yuan	UDS 1196	EURO 1079
Boston:	RMB 8527 yuan	UDS 1,209	EURO 1090
Dallas:	RMB 12212 yuan	UDS 1732	EURO 1562
London:	RMB 6649 yuan	UDS 943	EURO 850
Paris:	RMB 6138 yuan	UDS 871	EURO 785
Frankfurt:	RMB 4819 yuan	UDS 683	EURO 616
Rome:	RMB 3333 yuan	UDS 472	EURO 426
Helsinki:	RMB 8721 yuan	UDS 1237	EURO 1115
Dublin:	RMB 8986 yuan	UDS 1275	EURO 1149
Auckland:	RMB 3733 yuan	UDS 530	EURO 477
Melbourne:	RMB 2873 yuan	UDS 407	EURO 367

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?

**Domestic Flight (T1)**

Logo	Airlines	IATA Code	Check-in Counter	Terminal
	SICHUAN AIRLINES	3U	59号—81号	T1

**International / HK,Macau,Taiwan Flights (T1)**





Logo	Airlines	IATA Code	Check-in Counter	Terminal
	SICHUAN AIRLINES	3U	01-10	
	AIR CHINA	CA	11-27	
	EVA AIR	BR	11-27	
	CATHAY PACIFIC	CX	11-27	
	CATHAY DRAGON	KA	11-27	
	SILKAIR	MI	11-27	
	AIR MACAU	NX	11-27	
	SINGAPORE AIRLINES	SQ	11-27	
	TIBET AIRLINES	TV	11-27	

	AIR PHILIPPINES	2P	29-58	
	LUCKY AIR	8L	29-58	
	SPRING AIRLINES	9C	29-58	
	CHINA AIRLINES	CI	29-58	
	AIR ASIA	D7	29-58	
	NOK AIR	DD	29-58	
	ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES	ET	29-58	
	ETIHAD AIRWAYS	EY	29-58	
	THAI AIR ASIA	FD	29-58	
	FAR EASTERN AIR TRANSPORT	FE	29-58	
	GARUDA INDONESIA	GA	29-58	
	HAINAN AIRLINES	HU	29-58	
	HONGKONG AIRLINES	HX	29-58	
	CAPITAL AIRLINES	JD	29-58	

	PT LION MENTARI AIRLINES	JT	29-58	
	ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES	KL	29-58	
	AIR MAURITIUS	MK	29-58	
	CHINA EASTERN	MU	29-58	
	ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS	NH	29-58	
	MALINDO AIR	OD	29-58	
	ASIANA AIRLINES	OZ	29-58	
	BANGKOK AIRWAYS	PG	29-58	
	QATAR AIRWAYS	QR	29-58	
	LAO AIRLINES	QV	29-58	
	THAI LION AIR	SL	29-58	
	INTERNATIONAL THAI AIRWAYS	TG	29-58	
	UNITED AIRLINES	UA	29-58	
	VIETNAM AIRLINES	VN	29-58	
	VIET JET AIR	VJ	29-58	

	SKY ANGKOR AIRLINES	ZA	29-58	
	Cambodia Airways	KR	29-58	
	Island aviation	Q2	29-58	
	Indigo	6E	29-58	
	Lanmei Airlines	LQ	29-58	
	Royal Air Philippines	RW	29-58	
	JC Cambodia International Airlines	QD	29-58	

**Domestic Flight (T2) :**

Logo	Airlines	IATA Code	Check-in Counter	Terminal	Phone No.
	AIR CHINA	CA	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	95583
	DALIAN AIRLINES	CA	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	95583
	AIR CHINA INNER MONGOLIA	CA	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	95583
	KUNMING AIRLINES	KY	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	0871-96598

	SHANDONG AIRLINES	SC	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	95369
	SHENZHEN AIRLINES	ZH	Q,R,S,T,U	T2	95361
	TIBET AIRLINES	TV	P	T2	956096
	LUCKY AIR	8L	H05-H07	T2	95326
	SPRING AIRLINES	9C	H08-H09	T2	95524
	AIR CHANGAN	9H	J,K,L,N	T2	
	AIR TRAVEL	A6	J,K,L,N	T2	
	OKAY AIRWAYS	BK	J,K,L,N	T2	400-0668-866
	CHINA SOUTHERN	CZ	H02-H04 K,J	T2	95539
	RUILI AIRLINES	DR	J,K,L,N	T2	400-005-9999
	DONGHAI AIRLINES	DZ	J,K,L,N	T2	
	CHENGDU AIRLINES	EU	J,K,L,N	T2	66668888
	SHANGHAI AIRLINES	FM	J,K,L,M,N	T2	021-95530



	CHINA EXPRESS	G5	M05、M06	T2	400-6066-633
	LOONG AIR	GJ	J,K,L,N	T2	0571-89999999
	TIANJIN AIRLINES	GS	H05-H07	T2	95350
	GX AIRLINES	GX	H05-H07	T2	95370
	COLORFUL GUIZHOU AIRLINES	GY	J,K,L,N	T2	
	JUNYAO AIR	HO	J,K,L,N	T2	2195520
	HAINAN AIRLINES	HU	J,K,L,N	T2	95339
	CAPITAL AIRLINES	JD	H05-H07	T2	95375
	JOY AIR	JR	J,K,L,N	T2	400-868-0000
	CHINA UNITED AIRLINES	KN	M04	T2	021-95530
	XIAMEN AIR	MF	J,K,L,N	T2	95557
	CHINA EASTERN	MU	J,K,L,M,N	T2	021-95530
	HEBEI AIRLINES	NS	J,K,L,N	T2	0311-96699
	WEST AIR	PN	J,K,L,N	T2	95373
	QINGDAO AIRLINES	QW	J,K,L,N	T2	

	URUMQI AIR	UQ	H05-H07	T2	95334
	SUPARNA AIRLINES	Y8	J,K,L,N	T2	
	JIANGXI AIR	RY	J,K,L,N	T2	
	AIR GUILIN	GT	H05-H07	T2	

**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 convention site is 15.2 km from Shuangliu Airport and 12.9 km from Chengdu Eastern Train Station.

Public transport will probably cost 1 dollar and taxi might cost 4.5 dollars.

## Facilities

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

InterContinental Century City Chengdu. It offers 555 guest rooms and suites. You'll also find an array of outstanding restaurants and lounge areas, a stylish Spa and first-class event and business facilities.

Holiday Inn is 2-minute walk to InterContinental Century City Chengdu. Holiday Inn Chengdu Century City offers 970 guest rooms equipped with business friendly facilities and an attractive variety of dining and entertainment choices.

Both of the hotels surely accommodate accessibility needs..

**What are your hotel room rates? Do these rates include breakfast? Do they include internet access in the room? How firm are these rates? What additional taxes and fees are there?**

The rates of InterContinental Century City Chengdu are from 152 dollars to 456 dollars (including breakfast).

The rates of Holiday Inn Chengdu Century City are from 100 dollars to 137 dollars.

Both of them include internet access in the rooms. The rates will not float much. And there is no additional taxes and fees.

**What does parking cost at your main hotels?**

They are free if you are the guests of the hotels.

**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?**

The distance is approximately 500 meters. The hotels offer wheel chairs for people who have mobility difficulties.

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

Crystal room will be chosen to hold Hugo Ceremony. It has 2800 square meters and 10 meters tall. Masquerade will be held in Tianfu room. Tianfu room has 730 square meters and 6 meters tall.

**Please describe the restaurant scene near your site.**

In 2011, Chengdu was recognized by UNESCO as a city of gastronomy. It's a paradise for foodies and our friends who have visited Chengdu can tell you how much they enjoy the food scene, including our late-night restaurants and street vendors!

Besides local Chinese restaurants, other choices would be American, French, German, Italian, Mexican, Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indian restaurants. Vegetarian, Halal, and even Kosher restaurants are also available.

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

Chengdu is famous for its vibrant nightlife. You can always find your cup of tea: bars, cafes, live houses, street food stands, karaoke, etc. The convention venue option<sup>1</sup> is close to downtown, therefore all of these fun places are easy to reach, some are even within walking distance. We do have a corkage waiver.

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

You are not allowed to smoke in the rooms of hotels, but it's free to smoke outdoor.

**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 measure each attendees' body temperature and keep record. We also have an app called *Tianfu Code Record*. It records your journey and temperature.

## Miscellaneous

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

It's summer. Usually August is the hottest month in Chengdu. The 24-hour daily mean temperature in July and August is around 25 °C (77 °F), with afternoon highs sometimes reaching 33 °C (91 °F). Average between 72°F and 86°F. Sustained heat as found in much of eastern China is rare, also super sunny days are rare. September is a bit cooler.

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

Even though the city that has long been well-known for its panda breeding/research center, Chengdu has more than 4000 years of history and such a unique culture that it is among the major tourist destinations nationally and internationally. Hosting the Summer Universiade on Aug 8 to 19 in 2021, the sceneries here are so beautiful and the lifestyle so laid-back that it is dubbed as a city that once you come, you'd never think about leaving. Its tourist attractions are many and amazing (including multiple world class museums, ancient temples, historic streets, and more). For general information, you can start with the Wikipedia entry at:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chengdu>

The city's Facebook page might also help:

<https://www.facebook.com/places/si-chuan-sheng-cheng-dou-shi-huo-dong-gong-e/106487912721749/>

Here is VR of some of Chengdu attractions:

<http://www.worldconinchina.com/vaChengdu.html>

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

Yes.

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

The rapid growth of fandom and the creative potential in Chinese science fiction is calling for a Worldcon to take place in China as are many of our fans and professionals. As the respected and adored capital of Chinese science fiction, Chengdu is eager to embrace wholeheartedly the world science fiction and fantasy community and contribute to international culture, fandom and otherwise, in a more positive and proactive way. WSFA is highly respected and we are familiar with some Hugo Award winners or their works and now we hope it's time for us to host a Worldcon and that you feel the same way. If science fiction is all about possibilities, we are going to prove it in Chengdu in our own way. We want to run a Chinese Worldcon, which means a combination of the best of the both, new ideas in a new place with a keeping of traditions from both places. We want everyone to remember this Worldcon as the future of what could be and a testament to Chinese fandom joining totally with the international Worldcon community. This is what our fan-centered, fan-controlled, and fan-loving community is pushing for.

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

Fandom in Chengdu is about diversity and inclusion. It includes Han Chinese Clothing culture/anime culture/literature/films industry. In our Worldcon, we will bring these elements together and make the Worldcon a [audio-visual feast](#).

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

Not yet. We will work with fans internationally to develop a forward-thinking and well-written code of conduct. While it is not traditional for Chinese conventions, we will learn for the Worldcon.

**What do diversity and inclusion mean to you?**

Diversity is about empowering people by respecting and appreciating what makes them different, in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, education, and national origin. Inclusion is an organizational effort and practices in which different groups or individuals having different backgrounds are culturally and socially accepted and welcomed, and equally treated.

### **How are you working towards your goals in these areas?**

Each individual in our committee brings with a diverse set of perspectives, work and life experiences, as well as religious and cultural differences. The power of diversity can only be unleashed and its benefits reaped when we recognize these differences and learn to respect and value each individual irrelevant of their background. At 2023 Chengdu WorldCon, we help organizations to implement diversity policies that will help instill inclusion, respect and appreciation across the entire areas.

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

We are conscious of the desires to develop a diverse fandom, which is part why we're here and bidding! China has various ethnic groups, international residents and visitors, and more. We always have had a very diversified volunteer body in China, and we will travel and community with fans internationally to do the same for the Worldcon. Chengdu City and Sichuan Province are historically and culturally diverse and we're excited for you to see this first-hand. We have many ethnic groups living peacefully together in Chengdu along with other minority/special interest groups. For example, Chengdu has the largest and most-vibrant LGBTQ+ community in China! Please feel free to go to gay bars in Chengdu. You can dress whatever you like.

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

In China, especially in Chengdu, the influence of pandemic becomes limited. We just need to wear mask when we take buses or subways.

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

We will organize virtual components for fans who can't attend the convention. Also, we'll live broadcast the whole convention.

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

We'll be happy to include all finalists on programming with a schedule that fits attendees' desires and gives attendees a further chance to get to know the finalists

and consider their input in all sorts of different ways during the convention. For attendees who can't come to Chengdu, we'll live broadcast the whole convention on our web site both in English and Chinese.