



**Baltimore Science Fiction Society, Inc.**  
**Balticon 50**

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## **How Do I Get to Be a Balticon Program Participant?**

Program participants may be literary professionals (such as agents, writers, editors, illustrators and publishers), fans, teachers, performance artists, scientists, podcasters, bloggers, costumers, web artists, 2D and 3D artists, craftspersons, filmmakers, musicians, composers, talent, game designers, gamers, and any other folks who have something to contribute to the Balticon experience.

Read the official Balticon Participant Policy to learn what is required of and offered to program participants. You can find it on the documents list on the Balticon website.

Notice to those interested in being Balticon program participants:

The Balticon Golden Anniversary is going to be a very special event! For this 50th Balticon, our processes are beginning and closing a lot earlier. Fund-raising is an extremely important part of this process, so we will be including our fund-raising links with all invitations and asking participants to share those links on their blogs and websites.

Invitations for Balticon 50 have already gone out to prior Balticon Guests of Honor. If you were a Guest of Honor at a prior Balticon and have not received our invitation, please contact the [Balticon 50 Chair](#) (chair AT Balticon DOT org) immediately. Pending our being able to raise enough money to do what we hope to, the following Balticon Guest of Honor alumni have already accepted our invitation to be our Special Guests for the Balticon Golden Anniversary:

Ben Bova  
Steve Barnes and Tananarive Due  
Phil and Kaja Foglio  
Joe Haldeman  
Sheila Finch  
Michael Flynn  
Donald Kingsbury  
Sharon Lee and Steve Miller  
R. A. MacAvoy  
Larry Niven

Jody Lynn Nye  
Nancy Springer  
Allen Steele  
Charles Stross  
Harry Turtledove  
John Varley  
Jo Walton  
Connie Willis  
Gene Wolf

Additional Participant invitations will begin going out in September of 2015 and our goal is to have the invitation process completed by the end of autumn 2015. If you have been invited and have not received the Participant Survey link by November 1st, please drop a line to the [Program Coordinator](#) to request the link. The information requested on the survey is crucial to our schedule-building procedures. Please be aware that failure to submit the survey may result in your invitation being withdrawn, since we will not know your availability.

### What's In It For Me?

As a Balticon Program participant, you:

- Receive a membership to Balticon in exchange for your program participation;
- Can purchase a membership for one SO, life partner/companion for one half the May 1st published membership rate for the Balticon to be attended;
- Can purchase children's memberships for your eligible minor children at one half the May 1st published children's membership rate for the Balticon to be attended, and for your children aged 13 to 25 who are students (student ID required for those over age 17 — please include a copy with mail-in registration) at one half the May 1st published adult membership rate;
- Are invited to rest, recoup, snack and meet other participants as well as our Guests of Honor in the Balticon Green Room;
- Are invited to have us schedule a time for you (or someone you designate) to do a reading of your work;
- Are invited to schedule a shared launch event to celebrate the April, May or June release of your latest work (see the "Launch Events at Balticon" document on the website for more information);
- Are invited to have us schedule a time for your autograph session shared with one or 2 other professionals;
- Will have an opportunity to meet and greet other participants, Guests of Honor and attendees during "Friday Face Time", at "Meet the Artists", and at "Meet the Scientists" in the Science Program; and
- Acquire fame, adoration and undying devotion from Balticon attendees.

If you want to make sure you get an early invitation for Balticon 51 in 2017, please drop a note in summer of 2016, including your full name and a brief bio, to the [Balticon 50 Chair](#). The Balticon 50 Vice Chair will see that the correct person sees your communication.