

SPACECON 2

Welcome to the second edition of SPACECON, our annual convention with the presence of special guests from the world of Gerry Anderson and now also a more ambitious event as compared to the ones we held in the past two decades.

As we already explained last year, our events are no longer limited to Space 1999, UFO and the other Gerry Anderson series, but have now opened up to include a wider variety of productions and themes that we are sure every sci-fi fan will appreciate.

MOONBOUND 2019 (a.k.a. ItaliaCon One)

Of course our 'Moonbound 2019' meetup is still going to be the main event, but not the only important one. In fact, during SPACECON TWO we are also going to celebrate a lot of anniversaries of our favourite movies and TV productions, among which the 40th anniversary of the Alien saga!

The event will take place from Friday 13th (afternoon) to Sunday 15th September (all day), in the same venue that welcomed us last year, the lovely hotel RMH Modena Des Arts ****S (formerly known as UNA Hotel). Address: via Luigi Settembrini, 10 - Baggiovara di Modena (ITALY).

Feel free to check out our programme and the updated list of guests. For more information, please write to moonbase_99@libero.it We look forward to meeting you in Modena!

LIST OF GUESTS

CONFIRMED! * VALERIE LEON. She was the most fascinating member of the community living on Ultima Thule in the episode 'Death's Other Dominion' (Space 1999 - season 1), but also took part in many of the most successful British TV series of the 1970s and 1980s. Moreover, she was in two Bond films ('The spy who loved me' and 'Never say never again') and in the cult movies 'The wild geese' and 'Revenge of the Pink Panther'. She also performed a dual starring role in 'Blood from the mummy's tomb' and, more recently, starred in some award-winning short films and in her own one-woman show called 'Up Front with Valerie Leon'.

CONFIRMED! * CARLA ROMANELLI. She was Melita, the beautiful young wife of astronaut Kelly (Shane Rimmer) in the episode 'Space Brain' (Space 1999 - season 1). Carla appeared in numerous national and international TV series, like 'Return of the Saint' with Ian Ogilvy, starred in important theatre plays like 'The Three Sisters' by Anton Chechov, and in films like 'Steppenwolf' with Max Von Sydow and 'Le Guignol' with Jean Paul Belmondo. She is also an appreciated writer and producer.

NOTE: both actresses worked with Shane Rimmer, whom we contacted some months ago to appear at one of our conventions, but sadly passed away not long ago. Excluding Giancarlo Prete, Carla Romanelli is the last Italian actor who worked in Space 1999 to appear at one of our events!

CONFIRMED! * GIANNI GARKO. He was the tormented Tony Cellini in 'Dragon's Domain', one of the most dramatic episodes of Space 1999! Gianni is well known also for his numerous roles in several Italian TV series, soaps and films, especially in the so-called 'spaghetti-westerns'. In fact, everyone remembers his iconic roles as Sartana, Camposanto and Spirito Santo...! In the past few years, he also starred in some important commercials, just like the other famous Italian guest we have invited (see below). Gianni was our appreciated guest at Moonbound 2005 on Lake Garda and during a panel in Rome in 2006.

INVITED * ORSO MARIA GUERRINI. He was the strong-willed Luke Ferro in 'Testament of Arkadia', the last episode in the first season of Space 1999. But of course he is also a famous and eclectic actor who starred in numerous TV series and films in the past decades. In the 1970s, he worked with Martin Landau in the film 'Rosolino Paternò, soldato...' More recently, he took part in 'The Bourne Identity' with Matt Damon. Orso was an appreciated guest in our mini-event in Rome in 2006, and we hope to see him again soon. He will keep us updated on his availability to appear at our meeting!

FUTURE EVENTS

What our club (in cooperation with other fandom groups) has been trying to set up is no longer just a stand-alone event with a couple of guests from time to time, but a regular network of contacts with actors, screenwriters, authors and other artists in order to ensure continuity to what we are doing now and provide a steady presence of guests to the meetings we are going to schedule for the next few years.

This means we are all working hard to constantly update you on all the convention dates, the availability of our guests and all the relevant information that is necessary to provide the best experience to all the action/adventure and sci-fi fans who want to participate in our events and be part of our group.

Of course, most of you will be aware that sometimes an announced guest may suddenly become unavailable at the last minute due to professional or personal reasons. A constantly updated list of possible alternatives guarantees the quick replacement of this guest with another one from our waiting list if needed, and at the same time allows us to reschedule the presence of the original guest to one of our future reunions. In this way, even if you are disappointed about the absence of your favourite artist, you'll still be able to enjoy his/her presence in the future (in this case, we can either offer you a reduced fee for the next SpaceCon or give you a compensation for the same value).