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### **Glasgow 2024 - A Worldcon for our Futures**

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## **Dr Meganne Christian Announced as Special Guest at Glasgow 2024**

Glasgow 2024 is delighted to announce Dr Meganne Christian FRAeS (she/her) as a Special Guest of the 2024 Worldcon. Dr Christian is Reserve Astronaut / Exploration Commercialisation Lead at the UK Space Agency, developing strategy on human and robotic spaceflight in the post-ISS landscape.

In November 2022, she became a member of the ESA astronaut reserve, one of only 17 candidates selected from a pool of more than 22,500 applicants across Europe. Dr Christian holds a Bachelor of Engineering and a PhD in Industrial Chemistry from the University of New South Wales. From 2014 to 2023, she was a materials science researcher at the National Research Council of Italy and took two parabolic flight campaigns to test graphene coatings for thermal management in satellites.

Dr Christian has also undertaken two missions, including as a winter-over scientist, to the Concordia station in Antarctica, where she was a research scientist in charge of atmospheric physics and meteorology.

Looking forward to her appearance in Glasgow, Dr Christian said “I love science fiction, so I’m looking forward to soaking up the atmosphere with fellow fans and of course finding out the winners of this year’s Hugo Awards.”

Dr Christian’s [full biography](#) can be found on the Glasgow 2024 website.

Follow Dr Christian online at <https://linktr.ee/astromeganne>.

Find more information about Dr Christian and her work at:

- [Official ESA profile](#)
- [UK Space Agency Press Release](#)
- [Wikipedia](#)

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The 82nd World Science Fiction Convention, Glasgow 2024, will take place in Glasgow, UK from 8-12 August 2024. For more information about the convention, including current membership rates, visit <https://glasgow2024.org/>. Find us on social media at @Glasgowin2024.