

LONG LIST COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2009

We have been moderately active this year and have several on-going investigations:

- We are still trying to get a final report on Nippon total membership and attendance.
- Erle Korshak has requested a change in the way we report who was Chairman of the 1940 Worldcon, Chicon I. Peoples' memories differ, so we have been looking for contemporary documentation. Nothing definitive has been found, but what we have found tends to support the story as we presently have it on the Long List, so no changes have been made. We will keep the matter open, but not do anything unless new documentation turns up.
- Another person raised an issue about the proper name of the 1978 Worldcon: "Iguanacon" or "Iguanacon 2", believing that that I2 was a joke and should not be the official name. We investigated and discovered that the committee used both forms, but by the time of the convention, Iguanacon 2 seemed to be more common, so we have retained that designation.
- The very early awards were not in any way standardized, and some seem to have been given which had some but not all of the characteristics of a Hugo award (the rocket trophy, the name, and voting by convention members). We continue to be interested in learning more about the exact status of some of the early awards, but have come to no conclusion as yet that any changes are warranted.