The Project

One of the roles of i4is is to inspire a new generation to think beyond the present and actively look to the future. We all have that childhood imagination within us somewhere, and there is nothing better to encourage it than science fiction. If you ask many of the world’s leading scientists they will tell you that they were motivated by what they read and watched on TV and in movies. Do you have a story in you that could help to inspire the next generation?

To that end, i4is are putting together an anthology of science fiction stories on an interstellar theme and are calling for contributions from members, and those willing to become members. We are looking for stories about interstellar travel. The editors of the anthology, Sarah Margree and Jean Asselin, are keen to read work from both established authors and those new to the field.

After a successful workshop in Lincoln in October, they are looking to run further workshops for those who would like to develop their work or who are struggling to start, or complete, a story. The workshops would initially be run via Zoom, with follow ups in person depending on demand and availability.
To further the aims of this venture, we will also be starting a science fiction book club. Due to the nature of the group, with members around the world, we will hold the book club once a month on Zoom. Initial book will be picked by the editors and will showcase the kind of writing we are looking for in the anthology. Further books will be voted on by the members of the club.

Get involved!

To express your interest in submitting a story, signing up for the workshops and/or joining the book club, please email Sarah or Jean, the Editors.

Sarah Margree holds an MA in Creative Writing and a Postgraduate Certificate in Space Science and was the first Executive Secretary of i4is. She is a member of i4is, the BIS and a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS). Sarah is a first reader for James Gunn's Ad Astra (www.adstrasf.com/) and is setting up her first writing retreat. Contact Sarah at sarahmargree@i4is.org.

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