

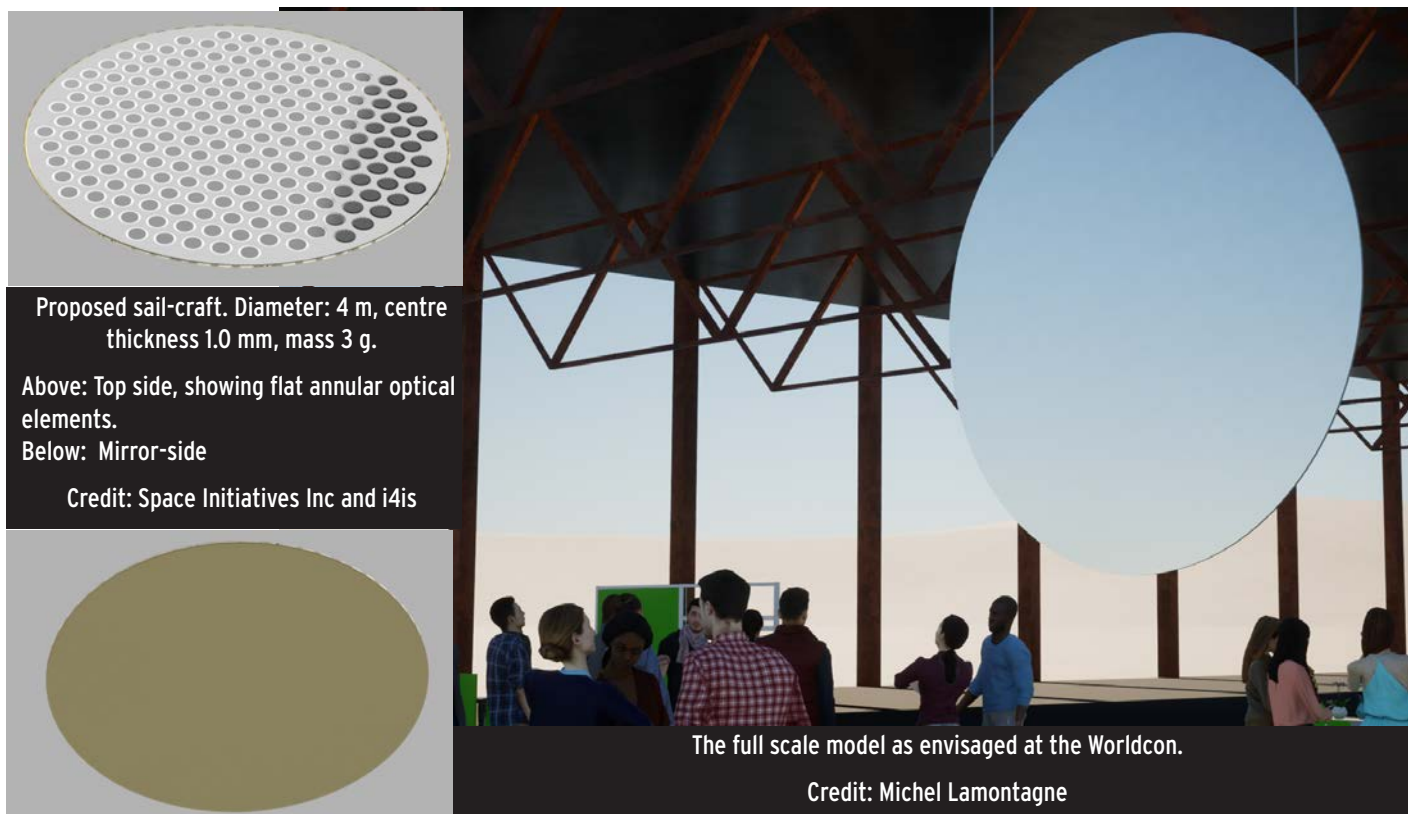
The 2024 World Science Fiction Convention - Glasgow Scotland

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i4is was at the last UK-based World Science Fiction Convention at Excel London in 2014. The SF world is important to us in terms of outreach to a community which thinks about our future, our technologies and the "inner space" which we inevitably project on to the interstellar vision for our species and our potential fellow sentients elsewhere in the universe. We will be at this 2024 Worldcon in Glasgow, August 8-12 (glasgow2024.org) with both programme items and an exhibition presence. We already have writers and thinkers interested in getting involved.

The Exhibition and the Programme

We will have another Big Object at a similar scale to our 4 m high monolith (as in *2001: A Space Odyssey*) in 2014. Our preferred option is based on the work of the i4is team sponsored by Breakthrough Starshot who achieved the winning NASA NIAC bid - see *NASA NIAC funds swarming study* in this issue.



The 2014 Worldcon in London



The stand and a happy pair of project managers, John Davies and Gill Norman

- our mighty 2014 monolith -



Terry Regan and Paul Campbell testing the monolith, the monolith on the stand, and a budding interstellar explorer watching the screen side with his mum

-and a programme with lots of SF people who think interstellar -



Panel with - Keith Cooper (Editor: *Astronomy Now* magazine) addressing the audience. Alastair Reynolds in the foreground. Other writers on our programme included Stephen Baxter and Greg Benford.

◀ If you plan to be there in August this year or if you might think about it then please get in touch - Glasgow24@i4is.org. Scotland is renowned for both its advanced technology and its SF connections (eg Iain M Banks, Charles Stross, Ken MacLeod, Gary Gibson). It's going to be enlightening, inspiring and just plain fun!

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Here's our first prototype flyer for the Con. We'll have something more aesthetic soon - and a version on a white background for less expensive printing!

The Initiative for Interstellar Studies was established in the UK in 2012 and incorporated in 2014 as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee.

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The Initiative and Institute for Interstellar Studies (i4is.org) will be at the 2024 World Science Fiction Convention in Glasgow (glasgow2024.org) in August 2024. Join us at the exhibition to see the first real interstellar probe and come to our programme where we will have interstellar SF authors and experts discussing how SF helps to build a future in the stars for humanity.

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The mission of the Initiative & Institute for Interstellar Studies is to foster and promote education, knowledge and technical capabilities which lead to designs, technologies or enterprise that will enable the construction and launch of interstellar spacecraft.

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To be there

More at glasgow2024.org and you can sign up via glasgow2024.org/get-involved/memberships-and-tickets.

We would welcome anyone who is coming to the Con to help with our presence, on our stand, in our programme events and everywhere in the Con where we will be spreading our interstellar message. You'll meet some weird and wonderful people - some of whom will be members of our team! Get in touch via john.davies@i4is.org, gillian.norman@i4is.org or Glasgow24@i4is.org.