

## Entry Notes and Guidelines

- Poems may be on any subject.
- Poems must be the original work of the author.
- Poems must not have been previously published or be accepted for future publication elsewhere.
- Submissions must be in English.
- Each poem must be no more than 40 lines.
- The entrant may submit an unlimited number of poems.
- The author's name should not appear on any of the poems.
- Poems should be attached to the entry form.
- Each poem must be typed or clearly written on one side of the paper only.
- Winning poems will be published in The Interpreter's House magazine, in IMF (UK)'s newsletter Myeloma Today UK and on website [www.myeloma.org.uk](http://www.myeloma.org.uk) (11th June).
- The entry fee is £3/\$6/Euro 4 per poem.
- Winners will be invited to the prizegiving reception in Bristol on Saturday 11th June 2005.
- The closing date is 30th April 2005.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.



IMF (UK)'s Open Poetry Competition prizegiving event is organised with the support of Poetry Can.  
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## About IMF (UK)

The International Myeloma Foundation (UK) informs and supports people affected by myeloma and helps improve treatment and standards of care through research and education. Registered as a charity in 1997, IMF (UK) is the only organisation in the UK dealing specifically with myeloma and its related disorders. IMF (UK) works in partnership with patients and carers, to help them cope with everything a diagnosis of myeloma brings; doctors, to find better ways of treating myeloma; with nurses, to improve the standards of care for patients; and with scientists, to better understand the biology and natural history of myeloma.

## Did you know?

- Myeloma is an incurable cancer of the plasma cells which attacks and destroys bone, damages the immune system and causes renal failure
- The most common symptoms include bone pain, infections and fatigue
- Nearly 4,000 people were diagnosed with myeloma this year
- There are between 14,000 - 20,000 people living with myeloma at any one time in the UK
- Public awareness is very low despite myeloma being more prevalent than all but one form of leukaemia and accounting for 15% of all blood cancers
- The incidence of myeloma is increasing more than almost any other type of cancer in the Western world, especially in people under 55
- The revolutionary drug Velcade is the first new treatment licensed to treat myeloma in over 10 years giving increased hope that myeloma will become a disease that people can live with rather than die from
- IMF (UK) is the only organisation in the UK dealing exclusively with myeloma

# Open Poetry Competition 2005

For Myeloma Awareness

**First Prize: £1,000**

Commended Prizes:

- Five Subscriptions to 'The Interpreter's House' magazine
- Six Waterstone's £10 Book Vouchers



UA Fanthorpe -  
2005 Competition Judge



Merryn Williams -  
Competition Organiser

**International  
Myeloma  
Foundation (UK)**

# Welcome to IMF (UK)'s Open Poetry Competition



This year, we are delighted to have the support one of Britain's best loved poets, UA Fanthorpe, as competition judge. The first woman to be nominated for the

post of Oxford Professor of Poetry, U A Fanthorpe was shortlisted for the 1996 Forward Poetry Prize (Best Poetry Collection of the Year) for *Safe as Houses*, and was a leading contender for the post of Poet Laureate in 1999. *Consequences* (2000), was a Poetry Book Society recommendation, and *Christmas Poems* (2002), brings together a collection of poems that she has been sending out to friends as Christmas cards. Her latest collections are *Queuing for the Sun* (2003), and *Collected Poems* (2004).

U A Fanthorpe was made CBE for services to poetry and awarded the 2003 Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry.

Reading literally thousands of poems a year, I have come across several rare words which I needed to look up - for instance, 'tsunami'. And now we all know what that means.



Myeloma is another word which most of us have not heard, until someone in our circle becomes a victim. It is still an incurable disease. But since we launched our first competition, a year ago, there have been some very encouraging signs of a medical breakthrough - and poets, like everyone else, can help. Do please send in your poems on any subject and I'll look forward to publishing the winners; from the experience of last year, I know they'll be good. **Merryn Williams**

Editor, Interpreter's House Magazine  
Poetry Competition Organiser

## Last year's poetry competition a huge success

The first-ever Open Poetry Competition for Myeloma Awareness in 2004 was a huge success with contributions from poets across every continent.

Poets, winners and guests met with organisers and competition judge, Stewart Conn - Edinburgh's Poet Laureate - at the Scottish Poetry Library in June 2004.

The 2004 winners were :

- First Prize - The Last Waltz  
Carolyn King, Isle of Wight

"The Last Waltz simply bowled me over. Its observed detail, pacing and gathering of momentum go with an energy – almost a fierceness – in the face of loss, handled with astonishing finesse." - Stewart Conn

- Second Prize - Reason for Eating Chocolate  
Anne Kelley, St Ives
- Third Prize - In Sepia  
BA Humar, Switzerland



Stewart Conn, (judge), Merryn Williams, (competition organiser) and IMF (UK)'s Executive Director, Eric Low at the Prizegiving reception at the Scottish Poetry Library in June(R to L)



Lesley-Ann Reid and Carolyn King  
- First prize winner



Ann Kelley,  
Second prize winner

I enclose .... poem(s) (£3 each) and £ .... payment by cheque in sterling and made payable to IMF (UK), or please charge my credit card. (Please enclose separate sheet of paper to list poems if necessary). Please note we can only accept Dollar or Euro payments by cheque or cash.

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Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Tick here if you would prefer not to be added to IMF (UK)'s mailing list.
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Please attach this form with your poems and payment and send to :  
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