

Charms, Charmers and Charming

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Institute of Linguistics "Iorgu Iordan - Al. Rosetti" of the Romanian Academy

Institute of Ethnography and Folklore "C. Br?iloiu" of the Romanian Academy

Call for Papers

You are hereby cordially invited to attend our conference; it would give us great pleasure if you would be able to attend and present a paper. The conference is intended to follow on from a series of conferences organised by the ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming in London (2003, 2005), Pécs (2007), Tartu (2008) and Athens (2009), in which scholars from various countries exchanged ideas from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The Institute of Linguistics and the Institute of Ethnography and Folklore of the Romanian Academy are pleased to collaborate with the ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming for encouraging the study of verbal charms, the practice of charming and the practitioners of charms and their clients. For more than a century, Romanian scholars (anthropologists, folklorists, philologists) have made significant contributions in this field, and the present conference also intends to carry on this important tradition.

The conference will focus on the following topics:

- the relationships between charms and apocrypha
- ethnographic approaches to charmers and their clients
- philological approaches on the historical variation of charms
- the Flum Jordan charm-type
- the practice of charming in contemporary communities.
- charms as a one genre among others (prayers, legends, sayings, etc.)
- how a typology of charms might be constructed (for this topic it is desirable that speakers take into account the proposals made by Agapkina and Toporkov in "Charm Indexes: Problems and Perspectives, see <http://www.isfnr.org/files/toptrans17.pdf>)
- and related topics

Practical Details:

The Romanian Academy in Bucharest will host this conference.

The maximum number of presentations is 24. If more applications are received, we shall have to select from the applications submitted. There is no limit on the number of people who wish to attend the conference. The languages of the conference are English and French. The length of each paper must not exceed 20 minutes.

All the costs (travel, accommodation, food, health insurance) are to be supported by the participants. On Saturday, the 26th of June, we intend to organise a trip outside Bucharest, to Sinaia, to visit the Pele? Royal Castle, the Sinaia Monastery and George Enescu Museum.

Details referring to the precise costs of accommodation (usually 40 - 60 euros/ night, single room), food and trip will be included in our next circular.

The Romanian Academy has exchange programs with academies and institutions from numerous countries, so the participants are highly recommended to ask to come to Bucharest within the exchange program, if the institution where they work has such an agreement. We hope to obtain grants for PhD students and for participants arriving from distant countries.

If you want to attend the conference, please send an abstract to Jonathan Roper of the ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming, either by email to roper [at] ut.ee with copies to ief.braliloiu [at] gmail.com and etimotin [at] yahoo.com

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