

## Call for Papers

The 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR) that will be held in Vilnius, Lithuania, June 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Further details on the Main Congress are available here: <http://www.llti.lt/lt/kongresas/>

The ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming will also hold a symposium during the congress:

### **Charms on Paper, Charms in Practice**

Paper proposals on all aspects of charms studies will be welcomed, though the symposium's title, *Charms on Paper, Charms in Practice*, is intended to highlight two fields in which contributions are particularly welcome, namely the status of charms as text (in manuscripts, in books, in archives) and the practice of charming. Proposals touching on both such spheres are welcome, as are those which attempt to link 'words on paper' and 'living practice'. Also welcome are discussions about patterns in the movement of charms in written and spoken environments (and from one to the other), which may also touch on questions of reception, transfer, and contested or censored transmissions.

Other themes that might be of interest include (but are not limited to): angelic and demonic characters in charms, the gender identity of characters in charms, the form and function of 'nonsense words' in charms, charming and psychosomatic illnesses, charmers and charisma, the Sisinnius legend in magical traditions. We are also interested in holding a session on the distribution of a particular charm-type, such as **Super Petram** or **Flum Jordan**. If you are interested in contributing to such a session, please get in touch directly.

Please note, that as long as there is a focus on the verbal aspects of magic, there are no restrictions as to the period or the language of the material.

Please email your proposals of 150 to 300 words to Jonathan Roper, [roper@ut.ee](mailto:roper@ut.ee) and to Daiva Vaitkevičienė, [daiva.vaitkeviciene@gmail.com](mailto:daiva.vaitkeviciene@gmail.com)

The deadline for proposals is **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**.