

Charms, Charmers and Charming
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Day 1

Romanian Academy, “Ion Heliade Rădulescu” Hall

Opening:

9h00 – 9h15: Marius SALA, director of the Institute of Linguistics “Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti” of the Romanian Academy, vice-president of the Romanian Academy

Section 1: 9h.15 – 10h.15

1. (9h.15 – 9h.45) Tatyana A. MIKHAILOVA: *On the Function of Name in Oral and Written Charm's Tradition* (Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow, Russia)
2. (9h.45 – 10h.15) Larissa NAIDITCH: *Enumerations and Repetitions in German Charms* (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel)

Coffee-break: 10h15 – 10h.40

Section 2: 10h.40 – 12h.40

3. (10h.40 – 11h.10) Ștefan COLCERIU: *How chameleonic can a demon be? Lix Tetrax from Ephesia Grammata to The Testament of Solomon* (Institute of Linguistics “Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti” of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
4. (11h.10 – 11h.40) Stéphanie VLAVIANOS-TOMASZYK: *Les charmes de Byzance : quelle parole pour la figure du mage ? (VIIIe – fin du XIe s.)* (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France)
5. (11h.40 – 12h.10) Lea T. OLSAN: *The 'Three Good Brothers' Charm: Some Historical Points* (Cambridge, UK)
6. (12h.10 – 12h.40) Jacqueline BORSJE: *Multilingual charms from Western Europe* (University of Amsterdam. Art, Religion and Culture Studies, Netherlands)

Lunch: 12h.40 – 14h.30

Section 3: 14h.30 – 16h.30

7. (14h.30 – 15h.00) Éva PÓCS: *Hungarian rite-based charms: the relation between rite and text* (University of Pécs, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Hungary)
8. (15h.00 – 15h.30) Daiva VAITKEVIČIENĖ: *Saying the words in a breath: the charm technique in Lithuania* (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore, Vilnius, Lithuania)

9. (15h.30 – 16h.00) Sabina ISPAS: *The Wordless 'Charm'. The Căluș* (“Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
10. (16h.00 – 16h.30) Sanda GOLOPENȚIA: *Flying Fatemen* (Brown University, USA)

Coffee-break: 16h.30 – 17h.00

11. (17h.00 – 17h.30) Jonathan ROPER: *Charms in Tales* (University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia)
12. (17h.30 – 18h.00) Aigars LIELBARDIS: *Boundaries of the Latvian Magical Spell Genre: Similarities in Fairy Tales and Folk Legends* (University of Latvian Institute Literature, Folklore and Art, Latvia)
13. (18h.00 – 18h.30) Laura JIGA ILIESCU: *The One Who Handle the Book* (“Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
14. (18h.30 – 19h.00) Seyfi AGIREL: *Curative Magical Agents in Azeri Folktales* (Mevlana University, Konya, Turkey)

19h.15: Film projection at the Institute of Ethnography and Folklore “C. Brăiloiu” of the Romanian Academy

20h.00: Wine Reception Sponsored by the Folklore Society.

Day 2

Institute of Ethnography and Folklore “C. Brăiloiu” of the Romanian Academy

Section 1: 9h.00 – 10h.30

1. (9h.00 – 9h.30) Ioana REPCIUC: *Flum Jordan et le rite baptismal dans les charmes roumains* (Institute of Romanian Philology “A. Philippide”, Romanian Academy, Iași, Romania)
2. (9h.30 – 10h.00) Tom ȚENCIS: *Latvian Types of Flum Jordan Charm* (Archives of Latvian Folklore, Latvia)
3. (10h.00 – 10h.30) William F. RYAN: *Ivan the Terrible's Malady and a Charm to Cure It* (Professor Emeritus, University of London, UK)

Coffee-break: 10h.30 – 11h.00

Section 2a: 11h.00 – 12h.30

4. (11h.00 – 11h.30) Andrei TOPORKOV: *Charms and Apocryphal Prayers among the Eastern Slavs* (Institute of Universal Literature “M. Gorki”, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)
5. (11h.30 – 12h.00) Svetlana TSONKOVA: *Practical Texts in Practical Situations? Bulgarian Medieval Charms as Apocrypha* (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary)
6. (12h.00 – 12h.30) Emanuela TIMOTIN: *Reshuffled Structures and Wandering Motifs. The Apocryphal Writing The Legend of Saint Sisinnios in Romanian Manuscript Charms (18th – 19th Centuries)* (Institute of Linguistics “Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti” of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)

Section 2b: 11h.00 – 12h.30

7. (11h.00 – 11h.30) Adina BACIU: *Anthropo-medicals Concepts of the Charms* (Institute of Anthropology “Francisc I. Rainer” of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
8. (11h.30 – 12h.00) Mircea CIUHUȚĂ, V.-V. TOMA, Adina BACIU: *From Medicines to Charms. Illness narratives and patterns of help-seeking in Romanian patients suffering from bronchial asthma* (Institute of Anthropology “Francisc I. Rainer” of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania)
9. (12h.00 – 12h.30) Cosmina TIMOCE: *La symptomatologie de l’action de la sorcellerie et son diagnostic. Étude de cas* (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Lunch: 12h.30 – 14h.30

Section 3a: 14h.30 – 16h.30

10. (14h.30 – 15h.00) Tünde KOMÁROMI: *Harmful magic in a Transylvanian village (Cluj County, Romania)* (The Folklore Archive of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
11. (15h.00 – 15h.30) Bogdan NEAGOTA: *Ecstatic Illnesses and Magical Therapies in Contemporary Rural Romania: Căderea între Milostive, Căderea Rusaliilor, Căderea/Luatul din Căluș* (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
12. (15h.30 – 16h.00) Haralampos PASSALIS: *Genres and categories of verbal magic: towards a holistic approach* (Intercultural School of Evosmos Thessaloniki, Greece)
13. (16h.00 – 16h.30) Cătălina VĂTĂŞESCU: *Termes albanais pour ‘incantation’* (Institute of South-Eastern European Studies, Bucharest, Romania)

Section 3b: 14h30 – 16h.30

14. (14h.30 – 15h.00) Maarit VILJAKAINEN: ** (University of Eastern Finland, Finland)
15. (15h.00 – 15h.30) Vladimir KLYAUS: *Spell and charm traditions of Argun region: transformation and evolution over time* (University of Moscow, Russia)
16. (15h.30 – 16h.00) Ileana BENGA: *The quest for fertility: triggers and opponents in a balanced story* (The Folklore Archive of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
17. (16h.00 – 16h.30) Eleonora SAVA: *Charming and Cooking – Feminine Traditional Structures* (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

Coffee-break: 16h.30 – 17h.00

Section 4: 17h.00 – 19h.00

18. (17h.00 – 17h.30) James A. KAPALO: *Authority, Narrative and Performance in Charm and Prayer* (University College Cork, Ireland)
19. (17h.30 – 18h.00) Antoaneta OLTEANU: *Love and Fate Charms* (University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania)

20. (18h.00 – 18h.30) Martin LOVELACE: *Immaterial Medicine: Charmers and their Communities in Newfoundland* (Department of Folklore, Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada)

21. (18h.30 – 19h.00) Domhnall Uilleam STIÚBHART: *Analysing Charms from the Scottish Highlands* (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)