

## Charms, Charmers and Charming

a colloquium organised by the Folklore Society  
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**23rd - 24th September, 2005**  
**at the Warburg Institute, Woburn Square, London, WC1H 0AB**

### Friday 23rd September, doors open 10 am

#### 10:15 Session 1:

Andrei Toporkov (Institute of World Literature, Moscow)  
Russian Charms In a Comparative Light

Monika Kropej (Institute of Slovenian Ethnology, Ljubljana)  
Slovenian Charms and Conjuring: Between South Slavic and Central European Tradition

#### 11:15 Tea

#### 11:30 Session 2:

Leander Petzoldt (Leopold Franzens University, Innsbruck)  
Charms, blessings and recipes in German books of spells (The Sixth and Seventh Books of Moses, 'Albertus Magnus Geheimnisse', 'Der feurige Drache' and 'Dr. Fausts Höllenzwang')

Éva Pócs (University of Pécs)  
Incantations giving protection from childbed demons in Southeastern Europe and the Near East

Henni Ilomäki (Tuglas Society, Helsinki)  
Finnish Snake Charms

#### 13:00 Break for Lunch (not provided)

#### 14:00 Session 3:

Ritwa Herjulfsdotter Andersson (University of Gothenburg)  
Snakebite Charms from a Gender Perspective

Ulrika Wolf-Knuts (Åbo Akademi University, Turku)  
Charms as a Means of Coping

Vladimir Kljaus (IMLI, Moscow)  
Ceremonial Action Plots in Russian Charming (with video illustrations)

#### 15:30 Tea

#### 15:50 Session 4:

Daiva Vaitkevičienė (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore, Vilnius)  
Lithuanian and Latvian Charms: Searching for Parallels

Jacqueline Simpson (Folklore Society, Worthing)  
The Nightmare Charm in King Lear

**17:00 Wine Reception**

**Saturday 24th September, doors open 10 am**

**10:30 Session 1:**

Lea Olsan (University of Louisiana at Monroe)  
Charms in Late Middle English Recipe Collections

T.M. Smallwood (formerly of the University of Ulster)  
Were some Middle English charms essentially original compositions?

**11:30 Tea**

**12:00 Session 2:**

Maria Shchapova (Moscow State University)  
On Researching Russian Neo-Healing

Maria Vivod (University of Marc Bloch, Strasbourg)  
The Charms of the Bajalica (Conjurer) Biljana of the village of Budisava, Serbia

**13:00 Break for Lunch** (not provided)

**14:00 Session 3:**

Lee Haring (Brooklyn College, New York)  
Verbal Charms in Malagasy Folktales

George Mifsud-Chircop (Malta Junior College, Msida)  
Charms in Eighteenth-Century Malta

**15:30 Tea**

**16:00 Session 4:**

Meri Tsiklauri (Institute of Georgian Literature, Tbilisi) and David Hunt (Folklore Society, London)  
The Structure and Use of Charms in Georgia, The Caucasus

Sanda Golopentia (Brown University, Rhode Island)  
The Romanian Love Charms Database

**17:00 Discussion panel (ends 17:30)**