

Syncretic Elements in the Process of Charming

The 2025 Conference of the ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming

The International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR) Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming invites submissions for its 2025 conference. The conference is organised in collaboration with the “Constantin Brăiloiu” Institute of Ethnography and Folklore of the Romanian Academy and the “Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti” Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy and will be held in Bucharest, Romania, from 24 to 26 September. The conference will be followed by a trip outside Bucharest (27 September).

The conference will explore the constitutive elements in the construction of charms and the process of charming, with a particular focus on their syncretic features, as they manifest both in the actual processes of charming and in their reflections as documents preserved in archives.

Topics may include:

- the representation of charms and charmers’ scribal competences
- images in charms and the legitimation of charming
- music, voices and tonalities of charming
- the materiality of charming: scenography, props and magical objects.

A special session will be devoted to the history of research on charms and charming in national schools of philology and folklore.

The deadline for submissions is 30 April 2025.

Proposals for 20-minute papers should be sent to etimotin@yahoo.com and laura.jiga.iliescu@gmail.com. They should include a title, a 250-word abstract and a short biography of the presenter. The conference will be held at the Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy (Bucharest, Calea 13 Septembrie no. 13).

There is no participation fee, but the trip will be charged. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs in Bucharest.

More information will be available on: <https://isfnr.org/special-committees/committee-on-charms-charmers-and-charming/>