

CALL FOR PAPERS

15th Congress of the International Society for Folk Narrative Research (ISFNR)

Narratives Across Space and Time:

Transmissions and Adaptations

Athens, Greece, on June 21-27, 2009

Organizer: Hellenic Folklore Research Centre - Academy of Science

The 15th Congress of the ISFNR will convene in Athens, Greece, on June 21-27, 2009.

The International Society for Folk Narrative Research is an international academic society whose objective is to develop scholarly work in the field of folk narrative research. The research interests of ISFNR members around the world cover a number of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, including in addition to folklore, anthropology, cultural studies, comparative literature, language, history, museology, education and ethnography from the point of view of narratives.

The 15th Congress in Athens coincides with the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the ISFNR in 1959, in Kiel and Copenhagen. It is the second time in the history of the ISFNR that Athens will host the Conference. The 4th International Congress for Folk-Narrative Research, held in Athens in September 1964, consolidated the foundation of the ISFNR in that it approved its Statutes by means of the General Meeting of the Members of the Congress.

Topic:

Narratives Across Space and Time: Transmissions and Adaptations

Subtopics:

- I. History and Future of Folk Narrative Research**
- II. Mythologies, Ecology and Environmental Representations**
- III. Migrant and Diaspora communities: Adaptation and Memory**
- IV. Social Strategies and Collective Identities**
- V. Storytelling and Storytellers**
- VI. Folk Narrative in the Modern Media**

Panels: Participants wishing to suggest a panel are most welcome. Those wishing to organize a panel need to submit their suggestions following a specific form (chair/convenor of the panel, topic, titles of papers and participants). In doing so they must comply with the thematic guidelines of the sub-topics and general topic of the congress.

[Deadline: September 30, 2008]

Two exhibitions are scheduled in the context of the 15th Congress of the ISFNR in Athens:

a) an exhibition of books and latest periodical publications released since the last congress of the ISFNR in 2005;

b) an exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the ISFNR.

Members of the ISFNR and other participants are kindly invited to contribute documentation material (such as photographs, programs, posters, proceedings, speeches, correspondence, registration forms and other audiovisual material) until **September 30, 2008**.

Symposium: The ISFNR Committee on Charms, Charmers and Charming will hold its second symposium in Athens, at the 15th Congress of the ISFNR. For more information please contact: Jonathan Roper [J.Roper@sheffield.ac.uk]

Registration for the Congress: [Deadline: June 30, 2008]

Please submit your completed **registration form:**

by e-mail: isfnr@academyofathens.gr

by fax: + 30 210 3313418

by mail: ISFNR 15th Congress

Hellenic Folklore Research Centre - Academy of Athens

3, Ipitou street - Athens 105 57 - GREECE

Registration Fee [Regular Registration until April 20, 2009]:

Full Registration: 250 Euros

Accompanying persons: 150 Euros

Late Registration from April 21, 2009 and on-site:

Full Registration: 300 Euros

Accompanying persons: 180 Euros

Submission of Abstracts [Deadline: September 30, 2008]

Sessions and panels will be structured according to topics (with a maximum of four participants). Papers are expected to investigate historical and geographical aspects of folk narrative research in relation to questions of transmission and adaptation. Suggestions for panels are going to be treated as separate units, organized and submitted by the panel organizer / chair.

Participants are kindly asked to indicate the sub-topic for their papers while submitting the abstracts.

N.B. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

Format: RTF, Rich Text Format

Typed: Times New Roman, 12 point.

Length: up to 300 words.

Space: single [double space between title/subtopic/author/address and the body of the abstract]

You will be notified about approval of your abstract submitted by January 31, 2009.

Please submit your abstract:

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Further Information

A second circular including further information will be issued in January 2009.

A third circular including the congress programme will be issued shortly before the congress dates.

Please find regularly updated information regarding the conference, next circulars, registration procedures, etc., on the websites:

<http://www.academyofathens.gr/ecportal.asp?id=635&nt=18&lang=2>

<http://www.ut.ee/isfnr/page>