

PROGRAM

**Perspectives on Contemporary Legend
International Society for Contemporary Legend Research
32nd International Conference**

**June 3 – June 8, 2014
Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts
Prague, Czech Republic**



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Tuesday 3—Sunday 8 June, 2014**

Tuesday, June 3

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 429

9:00-10:30 Registration

10:30 Welcome by Mirjam Fried, Dean of the Faculty of Arts

10:45 Welcome by Elizabeth Tucker, President of the ISCLR

10:50 Welcome by Elissa R. Henken, Secretary of the ISCLR

10:55 Welcome by Petr Janeček, organizer of the conference

11:00-12:30 Session 1: Legends and Internet Chair: Elizabeth Tucker

Theo Meder *The Apocalypse on Twitter* (30)

Elissa R. Henken *Deadly Games* (30)

Petr Janeček *Bloody Mary or Krvavá Máří?:
Globalization and Czech Children's Folklore* (15)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Session 2: Legends and Mass Media Chair: Christine Shojaei Kawan

Elizabeth Tucker *Ariel Castro's House of Horrors:
Legend Settings and Characters in the News* (30)

Joel Conn *Jimmy Savile: From Rumour, To Scandal, To Investigation* (30)

María Inés Palleiro *Rat or Dog?: The "Caniche Toy" Legend in Oral and Virtual Argentinean Versions (30)*

5:00 Tour of the Charles University Historical Building

6:30 Opening Reception at Café Louvre (Narodni trida street 22)

Wednesday, June 4

Change of Venue: *Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 104*

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 3: Legends and (Sacred) Places

Chair: Yvonne Milspaw

Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby *Vernacular Religion, Orthodox Doctrine, and Communist Ideals in the Holy Spring of Iskitim (30)*

Daniel Rygovsky *Narratives in Sacred Places: Role of Legends in Pilgrimage Traditions of Modern Belokrinitskie Old Believers in West Siberia (15)*

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

Mira C. Johnson *In the Footsteps of St. Patrick and Pagans: Syncretic Legends on the Croagh Patrick Pilgrimage (15)*

Claudia Schwabe *Snow White and the Legend of Margaretha von Waldeck (30)*

12:00-1:30 Lunch Break

1:30-4:30 Session 4: Spatial and Social Contexts of Legends

Chair: Jeanmarie Rouhier-Willoughby

Nikita Petrov *Urban Texts and Ritual Practices in Modern Moscow (30)*

Shannon K. Larson *Haunting the Asylum: Community Reactions to Mental Illness and Institutionalization at Indiana's Abandoned Central State Hospital (15)*

Marina Bayduzh *Tyumen Lover's Bridge in Discourse of Modern Urban Legends and Rituals (15)*

3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break

Radvilè Racènaitè *Lemons With AIDS Filling, or The Fears of the Modern Human* (15)

Adriana Kábová *Blood in radios, heads in televisions: Identity and 'civilizing forces' beyond the Sumbanese rumors* (15)

Jan Pohunek *Pohádka: Birth of a Legend Tripping Site* (15)

8:30 Ghost Walk I: Old Prague Legends

Thursday, June 5 (Český Krumlov Tour)

9:00 Meet in front of the Main Building of the Faculty

9:15 Departure (coach bus)

1:00 Tour of Český Krumlov Baroque Theater (Group I: up to 27 people)

2:00 Tour of Český Krumlov Baroque Theater (Group II: up to 27 people)

2:50 Tour of Český Krumlov Castle (both groups)

4:00-7:00 Free time to explore the town

7:00 Dinner at Český Krumlov Brewery

8:30 Return to Prague

Friday June 6

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 104

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 5: Legend, Art and Popular Culture

Chair: Elissa R. Henken

Peter Burger *Monstrous Tales: Legends as Rhetorical Constructions* (30)

Sandy Hobbs *The Relationship between Contemporary Legend and Rumor* (30)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Jens Lund *Revisiting King Christian and the Yellow Star:
A Historical Legend as Personal Journey* (30)

Patricia A. Turner *Star Power: The Collision of History and Legend
in Children's Literature* (30)

13:00-2:30 Lunch Break

**2:30-6:00 Session 6: Occupational Folklore; Legends of Rites of Passage
Chair: David J. Puglia**

Ian Brodie *The Servant Problem: Narratives concerning domestic help among
Canadian Immigration Foreign Service officers* (30)

Spencer L. Green *A Sure Knowledge: Folk Archeology and Evidence for Belief among
Mormon Missionaries* (15)

David J. Puglia *Darwin's Deathbed Confession: The Evolution of a Christian
Contemporary Legend* (15)

Elena Iugai *The Students Legends in Moscow Gorky Literary Institute* (15)

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

Gail de Vos *Contemporary Comic Book Golem* (15)

David Samper *Wedding Revenge: Legends and the Culture of Fear* (15)
Stephen Winnick

Ambrož Kvartič *Stag Party Gone Wrong: Legends and Ritual Order* (15)

7:00 Conference Banquet at Kolkovna Savarin Restaurant (Na Prikope 10 street)

Saturday, June 7

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts, Main Building, Room 104

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 7: Legends, Politics and Ethnic Identity

Chair: Ian Brodie

Mikhail Alekseevsky *The President in a Helicopter: Contemporary Legends and Spontaneous Political Jokes at the Moscow Protest Demonstrations in 2011-2012* (15)

Aurore Van de Winkel *French Politicians versus Contemporary Legends and Rumours: Reactions, Denials and Consequences* (30)

Zuzana Panczová *Heroes and Anti-Heroes in Slovak Rumours and Conspiracy Theories* (15)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Radan Haluzík *Who we are, who they are, and why we are fighting each other. War, Contemporary Legends and Identity in Post-Communist Ethnic Conflicts in the Former Yugoslavia and the Caucasus* (30)

Daria Radchenko *Qui Prodest: Framing Authorship and Meaning of Russian Heavenly Letters* (30)

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break

2:00-4:00 Session 8: Legends, History, Local Tradition

Chair: Mikhail Alekseevsky

Andrey Moroz *Traditional Christian Legend in the Contemporary Urban Folklore* (15)

David Clarke *The Angels of Mons Revisited* (30)

J. J. Dias Marques *The Legends of the 'Enchanted Moorish Girls' in Portugal* (30)

4:00-4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 **ISCLR Annual General Meeting**

8:30 Ghost Walk II: Prague Contemporary Legends

Sunday, June 8

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9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-12:00 Session 9: Legends and Media Across Time and Space

Chair: Aurore Van de Winkel

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| Dana Keller | <i>Digital Folklore: Marble Hornets, the Slender Man, and the Emergence of Folk Horror in Online Communities (30)</i> |
| Mare Kõiva | <i>Clairvoyants in Estonian Television. Media Influences on Contemporary Narratives (30)</i> |
| Andres Kuperjanov | <i>Contemporary Legends and Astral Lore (30)</i> |
| 11:30 | Conference Closing Comments |
| 13:00 | Visit to the Ethnographical Museum
+ Exhibition about Czech Traditional Folk Culture |