

Perspectives on Contemporary Legend
International Society for Contemporary Legend Research
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Prague, Czech Republic
Tuesday 3—Sunday 8 June, 2014
First Circular

The International Society for Contemporary Legend Research is pleased to announce that the 2014 conference will be held in Prague on the dates mentioned above under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts, Charles University in Prague. The conference will take place in the Main Building of the Faculty of Arts, Namesti Jana Palacha 2, 116 38, Prague, Czech Republic.

As usual, the meeting will be organized as a series of seminars at which the majority of attendants will present papers. Concurrent sessions will be avoided so that all attendants can hear all papers. Proposals for special panels, discussion sessions and other related events are encouraged. Presentations will be given in two lengths, either 15 minutes with an additional 5 minutes for discussion or 30 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Please state on your abstract whether your paper will be the short form or the long one.

Proposals for papers on all aspects of "contemporary," "urban," or "modern" legend research are sought as are those on any legend or legend-like tradition that circulate actively at present or have circulated at an earlier historical period. To submit a proposal, please forward a title and abstract (250-300 words) by February 1st 2014 to:

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Prague, historical capital of the Czech Republic (former Kingdom of Bohemia, later Czechoslovakia) is located in the heart of Central Europe bordering Germany, Poland, Austria and Slovakia.

The conference will take place in the premises of the Charles University, founded in 1348 by Bohemian and Roman King Charles the Fourth as the oldest university north of the Alps and east of Paris.

The Faculty of Arts where we shall be meeting is famous for the "Prague School" or "Prague Linguistic Circle" connected with linguist Roman Jakobson, folklorist Petr Bogatyrev, and also folklorist Jiri Polivka of the Bolte-Polivka "Notes to Children's and Household Tales of Brothers Grimm" fame:

<http://www.cuni.cz/UKENG-1.html>

The conference place will be located in the center of the historical Old Town, a 10-minute walk from the most important historical sites such as Charles Bridge, Old Town Square and Prague Castle. The Jewish Town where Franz Kafka lived and wrote, with glimpses of the mysterious Odradek creature and the unfortunate victim of Metamorphosis, along with some beautifully preserved synagogues, is a 5-minute walk from the conference site.

Thursday 5th of June will be set aside for an excursion. It will take us to the immaculately preserved late medieval town of Cesky Krumlov with a unique Baroque theatre located in the monumental castle:

<http://www.zamek-ceskykrumlov.eu/en/>

The cultural programme on other evenings will include visits to dark winding alleys of old Prague, where we will get acquainted with old ghost stories and bizarre contemporary legends from the Communist times.

There will also be an evening with screening of subtitled Czech movies inspired by contemporary legends, and evening with Czech folk music and dance on the beautiful premises of the Ethnographical Museum:

<http://www.nm.cz/Hlavni-strana/Visit-Us/Ethnographical-Museum-Musaion.html?xSET=lang&xLANG=2>

The following practical information can be given at this time:

The conference fee (including transportation, lunch and admission tickets on the excursion day, but not the optional conference dinner on Tuesday the 3rd of June or other meals) is currently estimated at:

- for ISCLR members 75€ (\$105 USD)
- for non-ISCLR members 107€ (\$145 USD)
- for student non-ISCLR members 95€ (\$130 USD)
- for accompanying persons 50€ (\$70 USD)

It will be payable in euros via bank transfer to Prague by May 31st 2014. Payment may also be made by check or credit card (through PayPal) directly to ISCLR by the earlier date of May 1st. More definite prices, bank details, and information on sending money to ISCLR will be given in a second circular to be issued before New Year's Day, 2014. Cash payment on arrival can only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Payment by check or credit card will not be possible at that time.

Hotel accommodation must be booked and paid for individually. Hotel rooms will be reserved at University hotel and other neighboring hotels; the details and prices will be announced soon. The University hotel is located about 10 minutes walking distance from the conference site.

For other hotels, information and booking, and other useful information as well, please look to the website of the municipal Prague Information Service at <http://www.praguewelcomes.cz/en/>

The most convenient international access to Prague is via the local Vaclav Havel Airport Prague which serves most of the international and local flights to the region: <http://www.prg.aero/en/>.

Prague has a reliable, safe and cheap Public Transport System including Metro (underground), tramways and buses; details can be found at the web page <http://www.dpp.cz/en/>

Registration forms and other conference information will be soon available at: www.contemporarylegend.org