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Conference

The Role of Fantastic Animals in Fairy Tales and Children's Literature

Collodi, 26 October 2022 9 am -1 pm / 2 pm -6 pm CET

Opening Session

9am

Welcome address:

Pier Francesco Bernacchi, President of the National Carlo Collodi Foundation
Maria Cristina Misiti, Former Officer at the Ministry of Culture
Alberto D'Alessandro, Manager of the European Fairy Tale Route Association

Introduction:

Marina D'Amato, President of the European Fairy Tale Route Association

9,30am

Mythical Animals

Edmondo Grassi, Telematic University of San Raffaele, Chair

Pia Todorovic, Swiss Fairy Tale Society, The Unicorn, the Noble Mythical Animal

Salvatore M. Ciancitto, University of Catania, Harry Potter's Animals and Magical Beasts, from Archetypal to New Meanings in Children Imagination

Concetta Sipione, University of Catania, Wolves in Old Norse Mythology

Iain Halliday, University of Catania, From Collodi's Cat and Fox to Pullman's Daemons

11,00am

Storytelling Activity

Animals and Identity Construction

Seema Dutta, Sister Nivedita University, Chair

Francesca M. Vigo, University of Catania, Spiders, Antelopes, Cats and Bees: Constructing Identity in West-African and English Folktales

Lavinia Benedetti, Marco Meccarelli, University of Catania – Ragusa, The Loong 龙: The Role of the Dragon in the Construction of the Chinese National Identity

Shuvasree Bhaduri, Jadavpur University, The Exploration of Personal Identity and Social Relationships Through the Lens of an Indian Folktale – 'Panchatantra'

Nandhitha Babuji, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Revisiting the Animals in the Jungle Book: The Animalization of Indian Natives and the Colonial Project of Indian Childhoods

Seema Dutta, Sister Nivedita University, Animals in Indian Fables: A Sociological Analysis

Questions & Answers Session

Break

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Afternoon Session

2,00pm

Fantastic Animals in Moral Conscience

Alice Spinnler, Swiss Fairy Tale Society, Chair

Filippo Sassoli, Artist, Pinocchio's Zoo

Emilia Ferreira, Director of the National Museum of Contemporary Art and of House Museum Dr. Anastácio Gonçalves (Lisbon), The Everlasting Fantastic Beasts. Old and New Voices, Images and Quest(ion)s

Florian Schäfer, Chairman of Zeitsprünge e.V., Forgotten Creatures - Fantastic Animals in German Folklore

Valentina Baeli, University of Catania, Lupus in fabula and Other Stories: Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Teresa Gargano, Roma Tre University, The Voices of Conscience: the Talking Cricket and his "Successor" Buricchio.

4,00pm

Intelligent Animals in Art, Religion and Social Behaviour

Francesca M. Vigo, University of Catania, Chair

Milena Gammaitoni, Roma Tre University, The Role of Animals in the Life of Intellectuals, Scientists and Artists

Renata Gambino & Grazia Pulvirenti, University of Catania, "These Boots Are Made for Walking". Tiecks Gestifelter Kater and the European Leadership Concept at the End of the 18th Century

Alice Spinnler, Swiss Fairy Tale Society, Beware of the Pink River Dolphins and the Selkies! Magical Water Creatures in the Myths and Legends of South America and Europe: a Comparison

Rossana Barcellona, University of Catania, The Sparrows of Divin Infant. A Miracle for Children?

Paolo Villani, University of Catania, Bovine Condemnation of Verbal Abuse in Chinese Buddhist Texts

Questions & Answers Session

Conclusion:

Marina D'Amato, President of the European Fairy Tale Route Association

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