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# MEDIEVAL FANTASY SYMPOSIUM

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International Conference  
Unieście, 24-27 May 2015

## First Circular and Call for Papers

Dear Colleague,

You are cordially invited to the third Medieval Fantasy Symposium, organised by Koszalin University of Technology, which will be held in Unieście between 24 and 27 May 2015. Medieval Fantasy Symposia aim at bringing together specialists in the areas of medieval and fantasy literature, in particular those who seek to find cultural connections between the numerous supernatural elements in the literary output of the Middle Ages (e.g. *Beowulf*, Norse and Celtic mythologies, Arthurian cycle) and modern tales in the fantasy genre which are set in different quasi-medieval worlds (as in *The Lord of the Rings* or *A Song of Ice and Fire*). The scope of the symposia is not, however, strictly limited to the world of literature, as it also embraces the many fields of artistic expression including the fine and cinematic arts.

## ‘Medium ævum novum’: The Middle Ages Reinvented, Reimagined and Reinterpreted

The 2015 conference will focus exclusively on the use of medieval themes, tropes and images in the fantasy fiction genre, both literary and cinematic. Particular attention will be given to the character, purpose and meaning of medieval inspirations in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien, George R.R. Martin, Andrzej Sapkowski and other notable fantasy writers of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Individual papers on any topic within the abovementioned areas should take 20 minutes, followed by 10-minute discussion. Participants are invited to submit their proposals in the form of 200-word abstracts by 15 January 2015. Notices of acceptance will be sent in early February. Selected papers will be published in a conference proceedings volume.

In addition to two plenary lectures, a number of sessions, field trip and panel discussion are planned.

The conference will be held in a beautiful seaside resort in Unieście, situated right between the Baltic Sea and lake Jamno. All the rooms are equipped with audio and video facilities, including data projectors and laptop computers.

The conference fee – covering the cost of participation, accommodation, food and drink, conference materials, coffee breaks, evening reception, and future publication – will be about 110 EUR/430 PLN (80 EUR/320 PLN for PhD students).

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