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### Conferences\*

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\* Whoever wants to bring conference information under attention of the IAPR members, please email the data to the editor of the Newsletter.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement – 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health**

*Date:* May 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

*Announcement:* The conference aims to enhance the interdisciplinary dialog between medicine, neuroscience, and theology. Experts will give comprehensive overviews on recent topics covering physical as well as mental health.

<http://www.ecrsh.eu/>

*Location:* Auditorium Ettore Rossi, Inselspital, University Hospital Bern, Switzerland

*Maps:* [http://sv2.innotix.com/institut-fisg//mm/RSH08\\_General\\_Information.pdf](http://sv2.innotix.com/institut-fisg//mm/RSH08_General_Information.pdf)

*Abstract:* The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health puts a special emphasis on religious and spiritual coping in health and disease. The keynote speakers approach the topic from their specific professional background, aiming to enhance the interdisciplinary dialogue between medicine, neuroscience and theology. The newly established Bern Lecture will be offered by Prof. Kenneth Pargament, an internationally recognised expert on religious coping. Symposia invite discussion and free communications allow research groups to present their research projects either orally or as posters. The best presentation given by a young researcher will be honoured by the

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Young Researchers Award. Another focus is to strengthen the network among researchers in the field and to promote scientific projects. A public lecture will be given by Prof. Thierry Carrel.

Conference Program: [http://www.ecrsh.eu/mm/RSH10\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.ecrsh.eu/mm/RSH10_Schedule.pdf)

Registration: <http://www.ecrsh.eu/dynasite.cfm?dsmid=92327>

*René Hefti, Peter Heusser and Jean-Marc Burgunder*

### Conference on Research in Faith and Health in Secular Society

Date: 17-19<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

*Announcement:* The Network for Research in Faith and Health in Denmark invites all interested researchers to participate in the coming international conference on Research in Faith and Health in Secular Society.

[http://tro-helbred.org/?page\\_id=1044](http://tro-helbred.org/?page_id=1044).

*Location:* The conference takes place in the Congress Center of the University of Southern Denmark on Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense, Denmark.

*Abstract:* This conference is open to all who are interested: Clinicians and researchers in the Health Sciences, psychologists, scholars of religious studies, theologians, chaplains, ministers, etc.

Research in faith and health and religious coping has made important strides over the past decades. However, most of this research has been conducted in North America in quite a different cultural and religious setting than that of secular Northern Europe. In the countries of Northern Europe, the research traditions of existential philosophy and psychology have been more predominant when investigating existential needs and orientations of patients rather than the North American tradition of religious coping.

The conference seeks to bring together insights of both traditions in an attempt to strengthen research competences in meaning and health in secular society. World leading researchers in the field will address issues of high importance to the field during keynote sessions – the conference opens with three world-leading experts in the field: Kenneth I. Pargament, Bowling Green University, Harold G. Koenig, Duke University and David M Wulff, Wheaton College, MA. Ongoing research projects will be presented during parallel paper sessions. Researchers involved in such projects are encouraged to submit papers or posters that will be presented at the conference.

Conference Program: [http://tro-helbred.org/?page\\_id=1044](http://tro-helbred.org/?page_id=1044)

Registration: <http://vo.rabbe.dk/fmi/xsl/km/english/enterperson.xsl?recid=72951&-find>

*Niels Christian Hvidt and Peter la Cour*

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement – International colloquium ‘Psychologie du développement religieux: Questions classiques et perspectives contemporaines’ [‘Developmental Psychology of Religion: Classic questions and contemporary perspectives’]**

*Date:* 27-28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

*Location:* L’Université de Lausanne, Unithèque, Salle de Conférence n° 511, Lausanne, Switzerland

<http://www.unil.ch/ftsr/page75037.html>

*Abstract:* Since the very inception of psychological science, researchers have been interested in the relationship between religious and spiritual beliefs, attitudes, and practices, and indices of psychological well-being. For more than forty years, psychologists in the field of developmental psychology have asked whether and how religious and spiritual development might be studied, described, explained, measured, and predicted, and how such development is or could be related to other domains of human development (e.g. cognitive, affective, and moral development). This symposium brings together a group of scholars well-acquainted with the classical questions in this field, as well as being involved in some of the world’s most interesting and innovative approaches to emerging questions and concerns. The symposium should be of interest not only to scholars in psychology and social and health and educational sciences, but also to practitioners; clinicians, educators, clergy, catechists, and the wider public with an interest in religious questions and questions about the goals, directions, pitfalls, and meaning of human development.

*Registration:* [http://www.unil.ch/webdav/site/ftsr/shared/documents/activites/colloque\\_psycho\\_lausanne2010.pdf](http://www.unil.ch/webdav/site/ftsr/shared/documents/activites/colloque_psycho_lausanne2010.pdf)

*Pierre-Yves Brandt & James Meredith Day*

**VII<sup>th</sup> Conference on Psychology and Religious Sense ‘Religious Coping and Health’ [VII. Seminário “Psicologia e Senso Religioso” Enfrentamento (coping) religioso e saúde]**

*Date:* 22-23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2010

*Location:* Salão Nobre Carolina Martuscelli Bori, Instituto de Psicologia da Universidade de São Paulo, Av. Prof. Mello Moraes, 1.721, Cidade Universitária, São Paulo, Brazil

<http://www.ip.usp.br/eventos/2010/InformeVIIseminario.pdf>

*Abstract:* The ‘VII<sup>th</sup> Conference on Psychology and Religious Sense’ will be held next October, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Institute of Psychology of the University of São Paulo. These Conferences began in 1998, and take place every two years, The next Conference will have ‘Religious Coping and Health’ as its theme, and will have Dr. Kenneth Pargament, a well known researcher in this subject matter, as its keynote speaker. The Conferences are under the responsibility of the Work Group ‘Psychology & Religion’, affiliated to the ‘Brazilian Association for Research and Post-Graduation in Psychology’.

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Registration: <http://www.ip.usp.br/eventos/2010/InformeVIIseminario.pdf>

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