First Announcement

2nd European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

May 13-15, 2010 • Bern, Switzerland

General Information

The 2nd European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health puts an 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 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.

Keynote Speakers & Main Topics

- PD Dr. med. et scient. Raphael Bonelli
  Medical Faculty, University of Salzburg, Austria
  Research in Forgiveness Therapy

- Prof. Dr. med. Jean-Marc Burgunder
  Department of Neurology, University of Bern, Switzerland
  The Neurobiology of Coping

- Prof. Dr. med. et. M.M.E. Peter Heusser
  Chair for Theory of Medicine, Integrative and Anthroposophic Medicine, University of Witten/Herdecke, Germany
  Spirituality in Medical Anthropology. Why? And how?

- Ass. Prof. Dr. theol. Niels Christian Hvidt
  Research Unit of Health, Man and Society, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark
  Theological Perspectives on Religious Coping

- Prof. Dr. Mary Kalfoss
  Nursing Research, Diakonova University College, Norway
  Spirituality, Love and Quality of Life

- Prof. Dr. med. Maria Kopp
  Institute of Behavioral Sciences, Semmelweis University, Hungary
  Meaning in Life, Religion and Health in a Changing Society

- Prof. Dr. Kenneth I. Pargament
  Dep. of Psychology, Bowling Green State University, USA
  Wrestling with the Angels: Spiritual Struggles and their Implications for Health & Well-Being

- Prof. Dr. John Swinton
  School of Divinity, History and Philosophy, King’s College, University of Aberdeen, UK
  Religion and Mental Health

- Prof. Dr. Harald Walach
  School of Social Sciences, University of Northampton, UK
  Mindfulness Spirituality and Coping

Public Lecture

- Prof. Dr. med. Thierry Carrel
  Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, University of Bern
  Hat Spiritualität überhaupt noch einen Platz in der hochspezialisierten Medizin ? (German)

Call for Abstracts

We invite the submission for oral or poster presentations until November 30, 2009
www.ecrsh.eu (see abstracts)