

Newsletter of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

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In this short Newsletter you find information on:

- an agreement between the IAPR and the Taylor & Francis Group regarding the journal *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*.
- the European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health, May 1-3, Bern, Switzerland.
- key publications.

1. Agreement with Taylor & Francis Group

This Agreement is made this fifth day of November two thousand and seven, between the International Association for the Psychology of Religion, (hereinafter the IAPR) of the one part; and Taylor & Francis Group, a division of Informa UK Limited, whose registered office is Mortimer House, 37-41 Mortimer Street, London W1T 3JH in the United Kingdom (hereinafter TAYLOR & FRANCIS, which expression shall, where the context admits, include TAYLOR & FRANCIS' successors or assigns in business as the case may be), of the other part, whereby it is mutually agreed as follows, regarding the journal *Mental Health, Religion & Culture* (hereinafter the Journal).

It is hereby agreed::

1. TAYLOR & FRANCIS make available print subscriptions for the Journal to accredited members of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion on an optional basis at a privileged discount.
2. TAYLOR & FRANCIS make this offer on the strict condition that:
such subscriptions are for the private use of that individual accredited IAPR member;
such subscriptions are received at the private address of that individual accredited IAPR member;
such subscriptions are not placed in a library nor in any way used to substitute for an existing or potential library (full) subscription.
3. The IAPR publicizes this offer to its members via its web site, membership newsletter, and, if the IAPR feels appropriate, in collaboration with TAYLOR & FRANCIS by a direct mailshot to all members.
4. TAYLOR & FRANCIS are responsible for receiving subscription enquiries directly from the IAPR 's members; and for registering, and for fulfilling such subscriptions.
5. TAYLOR & FRANCIS warrant that all member subscription records will be kept secure and confidential, and will be used only for the fulfilment of subscriptions, and will not be sold or hired or loaned to any third party.
6. TAYLOR & FRANCIS offer back volumes of the Journal under the same terms as above.

The schedule of price for 2007 for the journal volume is £38.00/\$65.00 USD (for six issues per volume per year) per IAPR member. This equates to £6.33/\$10.83 per issue.

8. The schedule of price for the journal volume in 2008 to 2010 is £48.00/\$80.00 USD (the journal will increase to eight issues per volume per year) per IAPR member. This now equates to £6.00/\$10.00 per issue. The price is guaranteed for three years unless there is a significant page increase during this time, upon which the price will be reviewed. Should the journal increase its frequency further the price per member copy will be reviewed.

9. TAYLOR & FRANCIS will supply the IAPR with one complimentary subscription to the Journal to facilitate promotion and publicity to its members.

10. This agreement remains in force for the subscription years 2007-2010 after which time it will automatically renew on an annual rolling basis, unless it is modified or terminated by mutual consent with either party giving the other at least six month's written notice.

2. European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health, May 1-3, Bern, Switzerland

General Information

This Conference aims to enhance the interdisciplinary dialogue between medicine, neuroscience, psychiatry, psychology, spiritual science and theology. Experts will give comprehensive overviews on the topic, covering physical as well as mental health issues. Symposia invite discussion and free communication allows research groups to present their research projects either orally or as posters. Methodological support can be sought from research experts in their specific fields. Another emphasis is to strengthen networking among researchers in the field and to promote scientific projects. Prof. Harold Koenig will inform us about new developments in the United States.

Keynote Speakers and Main Topics

Dr. med. Arjan Braam, Department of Psychiatrie Epidemiology, University Medical Centre Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Religious resources and depression - results from the Netherlands

PD Dr. med. Philippe Huegelet, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Integrating Spirituality into Schizophrenia Care

Prof. Dr. med. Jean-Marc Burgunder Department of Neurology, University of Bern.

Religion, Spirituality and Neuroscience

Prof. Dr. med. Amdt Büssing, University of Witten-Herdecke, Germany

Role of Religion and Spirituality in Medical Patients

Dr. med. et M.M.E. Peter Heusser, Institute of Complementary Medicine, University of Bern, Switzerland

Europe and the Birth of Science in Spirituality

Dr. phil. Stefan Huber, Kompetenzzentrum Orient-Occident Mainz (KOOM), University of Mainz, Germany.

The Multidimensional Structure of Religiosity

Ass. Prof. Dr. theol. Niels Christian Hvidt University of Southern Denmark, Research Unit of Health, Man and Society

Theological Perspectives in Religion and Health Research

Prof. Dr. med. Harold G. Koenig, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC/USA

Recent Overview on Religion, Spirituality and Health Research

PD Dr. phil. Sebastian Murken and Dr. phil. Christian Zwingmann, University of Trier, Psychology of Religion Group, Germany.

Religion and Coping in Cancer Patients

For detailed information and further information on conference fee, the scientific committee, and a pre-conference workshop:

<http://www.rsh08.eu/pdf/announcement%20second.pdf>

3. Key Publication

I would like to bring to your attention a study written by J.A. van Belzen on the history and perspectives of psychology of religion in the Netherlands.

J.A. van Belzen, *Psychologie en het raadsel van de religie. Beschouwingen bij een eeuw godsdienstpsychologie in Nederland*, Boom, Amsterdam, 2007.

(Whoever wants to bring a key publication under attention of the IAPR members, please email the data to the editor of the Newsletter: herman.westerink@univie.ac.at)