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Announcements*

* Whoever wants to bring announcements under attention of the IAPR members, please email the text to the editor of the Newsletter.

'The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion' now listed in ISI Web of Knowledge

Those of you considering publishing work in 'The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion' (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/10508619.asp>) will be pleased to note that thanks to Raymond Paloutzian's hard work and persistence it is now listed in ISI Web of Knowledge and will therefore in future receive its own Impact Factor. This is good news for this journal and for the field.

It is a pity that many other fine journals in our field are not yet, including 'Mental Health, Religion & Culture' (<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/carfax/13674676.html>) and the 'Journal of Cognition & Culture' (<http://www.brill.nl/jocc>); if anyone on the list knows of progress in this direction and could update us that would be great. I am guessing that the new APA journal 'Psychology of Religion and Spirituality' (<http://www.apa.org/journals/rel/>) will be listed in future, but would welcome correction or confirmation of this.

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This won't be news to many of you, but for graduate students: If you are interested in finding out the Impact Factor of a particular journal you can use (<http://apps.isiknowledge.com/>) and choose Journal Citation Reports from under 'Additional Resources'. This is especially useful when writing impact reports for funding sponsors or in choosing where your publication is likely to have most impact on the field of psychology. (Note that you will only be able to do this if you or your institution subscribes to ISI Web of Knowledge).

Nicholas J.S. Gibson

New Online Review available: The 'Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion Research Review'

The Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion (IBCSR) announces the publication of the inaugural issue of *IBCSR Research Review (IRR)*. *IRR* briefly annotates and furnishes online information about scientific research articles related to brain, behavior, culture, and religion published in leading journals. It also lists relevant books and articles in press. *IRR* will be useful to researchers, teachers, students, and journalists whose work relates to the scientific study of religion. It is delivered free via email to those who sign up to receive it on IBCSR's website, www.ibcsr.org.

The first issue of *IBCSR Research Review* is now online. Online versions of past issues will be available at www.ibcsr.org approximately 6-12 months after they are published. Please feel free to pass this information around to your friends, colleagues, students, and professors. They can sign up for the next issues on the IBCSR website.

The Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion was founded by Patrick McNamara and Wesley Wildman to conduct research into the biological and cultural functions of religion. To find out more about the Institute, visit www.ibcsr.org. The site includes book reviews and articles related to recent research in religion, brain, and behavior, and also in spirituality and health. It also houses the web's richest set of links to organizations and research projects related to the scientific study of religion. The Institute is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and a public charity with United States federal tax exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Wesley J. Wildman & Joel Daniels

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Conferences*

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2nd Announcement – 2nd European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

Date: May 13-15th, 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/dynasite.cfm?dsmid=92318>

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

Maps: http://sv2.innotix.com/institut-fisg//mm/RSH08_General_Information.pdf

Abstract: The 2nd 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.

The newly disposed Bernese Lecture will be held by Prof. Kenneth Pargament, an internationally recognized 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 poster presentation given by a young researcher will be honored 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 Carell.

Conference Program: <http://www.ecrsh.eu/dynasite.cfm?dsmid=92324>

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 in Denmark

Date: 15-17th May 2010.

Announcement: The Network for Research in Faith and Health in Denmark invites all interested researchers to the coming international conference 'Meaning and Health: Existential, Spiritual and Religious Issues in Secular Society'.

<http://tro-helbred.org/?p=577>

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

Abstract: 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

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America in quite a different cultural and religious setting than that of secular Northern Europe. In these countries, 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.

The conference takes place just after the 'European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health', Bern, Switzerland (13-15th May). The two conferences are complementary. Whereas the conference in Bern deals broadly with the topic of religious coping in a European context, the conference in Denmark supplements with perspectives on research in faith and health in secular society with the particular challenges this provides for the field. Thus, it will be a significant advantage to take part at both venues, which is why there is a reduction of conference costs when participants register for both venues.

The conference in Denmark 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.

Niels Christian Hvidt and Peter la Cour

Key Publications*

* Whoever wants to bring key publications under attention of the IAPR members, please email the bibliography to the editor of the Newsletter.

- Reich, K.H.: *Developing the Horizons of the Mind: Relational and Contextual Reasoning and the Resolution of Cognitive Conflict*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
⇒ *new soft cover edition, will be published in 2010*
- Unterrainer, H.F. *Seelenfinsternis? Struktur und Inhalt der Gottesbeziehung im klinisch-psychiatrischen Feld*. Münster: Waxmann [Darkness of the Soul? Structure and Content of the Relation to God in Clinical Psychiatry].
⇒ *will be published in January/ February 2010*

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