

Newsletter of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

October 2008

In this Newsletter you find information on:

- Call for Papers and Registration: IAPR Congress, 23.-27. August 2009, Vienna.
- 4th International conference on Spirituality and Mental Health, 23-24 April, Ottawa, Canada
- Key publications.

1. IAPR Congress, 23.-27. August 2009, Vienna, Austria

The next IAPR congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, from Sunday 23 August until Thursday 27 August, 2009.

Call for Papers and Registration have started, see www.iapr.at.vu

Important dates:

1 October 2008	Start of Call for Papers and of Registration
1 March 2009	Deadline Call for Papers
1 May 2009	Notification of Acceptance of Papers, Panels and Posters
1 July 2009	Deadline for Registration
23 August 2009	Conference begins
27 August 2009	Departure

Local organizing committee: Susanne Heine and Herman Westerink (Department for Practical Theology and Psychology of Religion, Protestant Theological Faculty)

Scientific committee: Herman Westerink and Susanne Heine; Jos Corveleyn, James Jones, Rien van Uden.

2. 4th International conference on Spirituality and Mental Health “In Relation”, 23-24 April, Ottawa, Canada

Call for Presentations (Papers – Posters – Workshops – Symposia):

See <http://www.omc.ca/smhconference/index.html>

Invitation

Relation is at the core of our human existence and development: relating with ourselves, family, community, the environment, and the Sacred. These are all elements we wish to elaborate in this year's conference. Being “in relation” is necessary for our spirituality and mental health. We welcome all explorations of the spiritual nature of connection and its relation to mental health through workshops, poster presentations, paper presentations, research papers and symposia.

This 4th International Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health will be held in Ottawa on April 23rd and 24th, 2009. It is co-sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Ottawa,

the Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care, Novalis Publishing and St-Paul University.

Past conference topics have included the introduction of the link between Spirituality and Mental Health (2002), followed by ‘Depression’ (2004), and then ‘The Quest for Meaning’ (2007).

This 4th International Conference on Spirituality and Mental Health will focus on a variety of perspectives on the theme “In Relation” as they relate to spirituality and mental health.

Your proposals are crucial to the Conference. While the plenary sessions are important, the majority of the time will be devoted to learning from each other. More detailed information is provided below to help you develop and submit your proposals. We look forward to reviewing a variety of innovative and exciting proposals from our colleagues.

Conference Secretariat: Department of Psychiatry, University of Ottawa
c/o 2009 Spirituality and Mental Health Conference
5457 - 1145 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1Z 7K4, Canada

<p>Conference Sub-themes and Conference Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrating spirituality and mental health. 2. Intergenerational connections and spiritual traditions as mental health anchors. 3. Relationships as catalysts for healing, spiritual transformation and mental health. 4. The mutual influence of spiritual values and mental health. 5. The importance of community. 	<p>Our 4 educational objectives are that participants will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance awareness of the interplay of relation, mental health and spirituality. 2. Develop knowledge, skills and attitudes about the theme: “In Relation”. 3. Participate in the exchange of inter-professional, and interfaith concepts. 4. Enjoy opportunities for networking and become familiar with resources.
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4. Key Publications

Shiva Khalili, *Psychologie, Psychotherapie und Islam: Erste Entstehungsphasen einer Theorie aus islamischer Psychologie*, Vdm Verlag, Saarbrücken, 2008, ISBN 978-3-639-05541-2

Vdm Verlag can send free books for reviews:

VDM Verlag Dr. Müller Aktiengesellschaft & Co. KG
Duedwiler Landstr. 125a D-66123 Saarbrücken

H. Schaap-Jonker, *Before the Face of God. An Interdisciplinary Study of the Meaning of the Sermon and the Hearer’s God Image, Personality and Affective State*, LIT, Münster, 2008, ISBN 978-3-8258-1432-8, pp.384.

(Whoever wants to bring a key publication under attention of the IAPR members, please email the data to the editor of the Newsletter.)

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