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**International Association for the Psychology of Religion**

## Newsletter of the IAPR – March 2011 (2)

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### Announcements\*

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

#### **IAPR Board nominations: Announcements and call**

According to the procedure of the IAPR general meeting (Art. 6.3.4. and 6.3.5. of By-laws) the IAPR Board herewith announces that the next General Assembly will be held at the IAPR Congress in Bari, **August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. Any proposals to the General Assembly should be send to the General Secretary Herman Westerink ([herman.westerink@univie.ac.at](mailto:herman.westerink@univie.ac.at)) at least two months before the General Assembly, that is **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

As regards the issue of the (re-)election of Board members the Board announces that three of its members who were elected at the Leuven conference in 2006 will withdraw from the Board, without nominating for re-election. These members are:

- Jozef Corveleyn (President, University of Leuven, Belgium)
- James W. Jones (Rutgers University, New Jersey USA)
- Rien van Uden (University of Tilburg, Netherlands)

Two Board members who were elected at the Leuven conference in 2006 nominate for re-election for a period of four years (Art. 4.3. of Constitution). These are:

- Mario Aletti (Milan, Italy)
- Hans Alma (University for Humanistics Utrecht, Netherlands)

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The IAPR Board herewith announces the names of its three candidates for the new Board (Art. 4.3. of By-laws):

- Pierre-Yves Brandt (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)
- Kevin Ladd (University South Bend, Indiana USA)
- Chris Lewis (Glyndwr University, United Kingdom)

All members may nominate additional candidates (Art. 4.3. of By-laws). These candidates can only be voted for when these persons have been formally announced in advance by means of a circulated agenda (Art. 4.5. of By-laws). Hence, the Board herewith calls for nominations. The deadline of submission of candidates is set at two months before the General Assembly, that is **June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011** (Art. 6.3.5. of By-laws). Proposals should be sent to the General Secretary ([herman.westerink@univie.ac.at](mailto:herman.westerink@univie.ac.at)).

*Jozef Corveleyn*  
*President of the IAPR*

*Herman Westerink*  
*General Secretary of the IAPR*

### **IAPR Godin Prize and IAPR Early Career Award for the Scientific Psychology of Religion: Announcements and call**

The Godin Price is an honorary price to be awarded to senior scholars for their excellence in the scientific study of the psychology of religion. The Godin price will be given every second IAPR conference, that is to say, once in every 4 years. The price winner will be honoured by a substantial laudatio, and the invitation to present a keynote lecture at the conference.

New is the IAPR Early Career Award for promising junior scholars. It applies to young scholars at the postdoctoral or early career academic level. This award will be given at every IAPR conference. Attached to the award is a financial reward of 1000 EURO.

Suggestions for suitable candidates for both the Godin Price and the Early Career Award are most welcome. As regards the Price and the Award self-nomination is also possible. Applications or suggestions should include the list of publications and the CV of the candidate, and should be sent in electronic form (pdf) to Prof. Vassilis Saroglou ([Vassilis.Saroglou@uclouvain.be](mailto:Vassilis.Saroglou@uclouvain.be)).

Submissions for the 2011 Early Career Award are to be made by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011**.

Submissions for the Godin Prize will open at early 2013.

The jury will also actively search for suitable candidates.

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The Godin Prize and the Early Career Award are incorporated in the IAPR and will be awarded at the IAPR's congresses. The members of the present jury are: Halina Grzymala-Moszczyńska (Jagellonian University Krakow, Poland), Ray Paloutzian (Editor of the International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, USA), Sebastian Murken (University of Trier, Germany), Vassilis Saroglou (University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) and Pehr Granqvist (University of Stockholm, Sweden).

*Jozef Corveleyn*  
President of the IAPR

*Herman Westerink*  
General Secretary of the IAPR

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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.

#### **Last call for papers: IAPR 2011 Congress in Bari/Italy**

*Date:* 21<sup>st</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> August, 2011

*Location:* Bari/Italy

*Abstract:* The next IAPR congress will be held in Bari, Italy, from Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, until Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. It is organized by the SIPR – the Italian Society of Psychology of Religion – (<http://www.psicologiadellareligione.it/sipr/>) in cooperation with the Department of Psychology, University of Bari (<http://www.uniba.it/>).

The Congress will be arranged in plenary sessions (held by the invited speakers), parallel sessions and poster sessions. Contributions can take the form of a paper, a panel or a poster. You will indicate your preferred choice in the abstract form. Abstracts should be in English and no more than 250 words (but no less than 200 words) in length. Several *Papers* (usually three or four) on a related topic will be grouped into panels by the Local Scientific Committee. Every paper will be presented in about 20 minutes. After every presentation, about five minutes will be allotted for discussion. More detailed information about the timetable for each paper will be given after the deadline for abstract submission.

A *Panel* is a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number), all dealing with a particular topic or issue. The person submitting the panel proposal should be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all the presenters of his panel will attend the conference. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper. We would strongly advise participants to adopt this option: this could guarantee a wider coherence in the domain of theoretical and/or methodological features for all the papers included. Each panel coordinator has to indicate at least three persons (name, surname and e-mail address). Then, the Organizing Committee will ask them by e-mail to submit their paper for that panel.

A *Poster* presentation is an alternative to presenting a full research paper. A visual display is prepared in order to present a study, a project, an experiment, etc. as well as to

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share work-in-progress. In the special session, the presenter stands next to the poster, thus participants can meet the authors to discuss their work.

The online submission form should be filled out at the conference website (<http://www.iapr2011.org>). You will find ongoing additional information about the program, accommodation, contacts and so on. On the same website, starting from the first days of January, it will be possible to send the abstracts (the deadline is on **March 31<sup>st</sup>**) and to register for the Congress. These procedures will be completely accomplished online.

*International scientific committee:* Mario Aletti, Hans A. Alma, Rosalinda Cassibba, Jozef Corveleyn, James W. Jones, Vassilis Saroglou, Marinus H.F. van Uden, Herman Westerink

*Local scientific committee:* Mario Aletti, Rosalinda Cassibba, Fabio De Nardi, Germano Rossi, Giuseppe Mininni

*Local organizing committee:* Caterina Balenzano, Germana Castoro, Lucia Elia, Daniela Fagnani, Alessandro Costantini, Carlo Lavermicocca, Amelia Manuti, Rosa Scardigno, Giovanna Sette

*Dates to remember:*

- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011: Deadline for Abstract Submission
- 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011: Deadline for Communicating Acceptance of Papers, Panels and Posters
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011: Deadline for Registration
- 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011 (*in the afternoon*): Opening of the Congress and Welcome Ceremony
- 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011: Departure of Participants

*Further information:* If you need further information please contact [info@iapr2011.org](mailto:info@iapr2011.org).

*Mario Aletti and Germano Rossi*

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### Key Publications\*

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- Hofmann, L. & Walach, H. (2011): Spirituality and religiosity in psychotherapy: A representative survey among German psychotherapists. *Psychotherapy Research*, First published on: February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (iFirst) [DOI: 10.1080/10503307.2010.536595].
  - ⇒ *Abstract:* We report a survey in a near-representative sample of 895 German psychotherapists. Fifty-seven percent of the respondents referred to themselves as either spiritual or religious. Psychotherapists estimated that on average 22% of their patients bring in topics around spirituality and religion during the course of therapy. Two-thirds thought that topics around spirituality and religion should be part of the postgraduate and/or graduate curriculum. There was a clear difference between therapeutic orientations regarding how they felt about such issues, with CBT and psychodynamically oriented therapists placing less emphasis on spiritual issues and integrative and humanistic therapists more. However, differences between schools were less important than commonalities. We conclude that spirituality and religiosity are important topics for training and further research.
  - ⇒ *Online available at:* <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~db=all?content=10.1080/10503307.2010.536595>.

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