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**International Association for the Psychology of Religion**

## Newsletter of the IAPR

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### Announcements\*

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### IAPR conference 2013: words from the treasurer concerning the conference fees

In the latest IAPR board meeting (December 2011) it was decided to slightly increase on the average of the Lausanne conference fee. In view of the conference budget and, more importantly, because we would like to encourage participation of students and scholars from developing countries, we have adapted the fees in three categories (increased, average, reduced) following the SES of the countries (international standard lists of I-II-III, or A-B-C, countries).

This leads to the following arrangement for the Lausanne conference 2013:

	IAPR members	Non-members	IAPR Student Members	Non-member students
I-countries	240 EURO	280 EURO	120 EURO	140 EURO
II-countries	180 EURO	220 EURO	90 EURO	110 EURO
III-countries	120 EURO	160 EURO	60 EURO	80 EURO

Herman Westerink, Secretary and Treasurer of the IAPR

### Reminder: Call for nominations for the Godin Prize and Early Career Award 2013

#### ➤ The Godin prize

The Godin prize honors excellence in scientific research in the field of the Psychology of Religion. Once in every four years, the scientific contribution of a distinguished senior scholar to the study of the field is awarded.

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For information on the history of the Godin prize visit <http://psychology-of-religion.com/awards/>.

### Criteria

As mid-life award the Godin Prize is aimed at senior scholars. Eligible candidates for the Godin Prize are *midlife researchers*, who conduct *excellent* research (as reflected in publications) in the field of *the Psychology of Religion*.

#### ➤ The Early Career Award

The Early Career Award is intended to reward promising junior researchers in the field of the Psychology of Religion. It is awarded once every two years at the IAPR conference, for outstanding quality of research.

### Criteria

Eligible for the Early Career Award are *young scholars* at the postdoctoral or early career academic level (holding a Ph.D. since 0 -5 years maximum). *Excellence* in the quality of research (as reflected in the publications) in the field of *the Psychology of Religion* is required.

#### ➤ Prize

Both, the Godin prize and the Early Career Award are endowed with 1000 euros. The winner of the Godin prize is expected to give a keynote lecture at the annual IAPR conference in 2013 in Lausanne (August 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>).

### Nomination:

Suitable candidates should be nominated, however self-nominations are also possible. The application for both the Godin prize and the Early Career Award should include the candidate's CV and the list of his/her publications and be sent to Sebastian Murken ([smurken@mainz-online.de](mailto:smurken@mainz-online.de)).

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### Members of the jury:

[Sebastian Murken](#) (President, University of Marburg, Germany), [Pehr Granqvist](#) (University of Stockholm, Sweden), [Halina Grzymala-Moszczyńska](#) (Jagellonian University Krakow, Poland), [Ray Paloutzian](#) (Westmont College, California, USA), [Vassilis Saroglou](#) (University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

Deadline for the submission of (self-) nominations is *November 30, 2012*.

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### Conferences\*

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### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Health, Religion, and Spirituality

**Date:** November 2-4, 2012

**Location:** Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

**Keynote Speakers:** Harold G. Koenig, M.D., Richard Gunderman, M.D., Ph.D., & Crystal Park, Ph.D.

Registration: <https://isu-aceweb-001.indstate.edu/SubGroup.awp?~~CON~Conference+Registrations>.

**Conference website:** <http://www.indstate.edu/psychology/cshrs/ResconfRSH.htm>.

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### **SPSP pre-conference on psychology of religion-spirituality**

**Date:** January 17, 2013

**Location:** New Orleans

**Registration:** Online registration/payment is scheduled to open October 15, 2012: The registration fee is \$50 for students and \$80 for post-docs and faculty.

**Call for posters:** They have space for 20 research posters that present completed studies, preferably from a social-personality perspective. Data must be collected and analyzed before submission; they will not consider abstracts for incomplete studies. To submit a poster for consideration, please send a pdf file containing title, 150-250 word abstract, author(s), affiliation(s), and email address of presenter to Taylor Newton (newtont@central.edu). If the first or sole author is a student, please indicate whether or not you would like to be considered for the student poster award. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis through December 1, but the first 20 appropriate proposals will likely be accepted.

**Conference website:** check the conference website for the 2013 program

<http://www.baylor.edu/psychologyneuroscience/index.php?id=76186>

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**Report from Div. 36 (Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality) on the APA annual convention in Florida (Kevin L. Ladd and Chris Boyatzis).**

Orlando, Florida was the site of the most recent American Psychological Association meeting from 2 – 5 August 2012. As part of that convention, Division 36 ( [www.division36.org/](http://www.division36.org/) ), the Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality, hosted across the four days over five dozen posters and four dozen paper presentations. The work spanned the gamut of psychological research in both topics and methods. For

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instance, sessions dealt with family relationships, spiritual struggles, prayer and mental health, cognition, atheism, and developmental issues.

In addition, several special lectures were delivered. Dr. Everett Worthington accepted the Bier Award, arguing for more attention to be directed toward the concept of virtue. The Gorman Award for a young investigator was received by Dr. Azim Shariff, who examined the evolutionary foundations for belief. Drs. Lisa Miller and Doug Oman gave their inaugural addresses as new Fellows (senior members of distinction) dealing with the topics of social learning and postmaterial spirituality, respectively. The necessity of taking into consideration past, present, and future perspectives of developmental psychology was the message of the division's President, Dr. Chris Boyatzis. A special guest from the realm of sociology, Dr. Monika Ardelt, offered her thoughts on well-being and death attitudes.

Beyond this programming, the Division also sponsored a full slate of events in their spacious hospitality suite. Here, participants had the chance in a less formal atmosphere to deliver remarks on a similarly wide range of topics. This proved especially popular because the time allotments allowed for extended question and answer periods.

Of particular interest to IAPR members, Division 36 has dedicated itself to a more explicit involvement of international guests. This year, the Hospitality Suite schedule featured speakers from Brazil and the United Arab Emirates. The Division was also honored to welcome presenters from Israel and Puerto Rico. Rounding out the international portion of the programming, Division 36's first ever official delegation to Beijing, China (Renmin University of China & Minzu University of China) reported on the exciting developments underway in that country. The Division planners look forward to expanding on this global emphasis.

As you consider submitting your work for next year's APA convention in Hawaii ([www.apa.org/convention/index.aspx](http://www.apa.org/convention/index.aspx)), please feel free to get in touch with us if you would be interested in speaking a bit about the state of research in your country. We welcome the opportunity for broadening the conversation!

Kevin L. Ladd ([kladd@iusb.edu](mailto:kladd@iusb.edu)) and Chris Boyatzis ([Boyatzis@bucknell.edu](mailto:Boyatzis@bucknell.edu))

Co-Chairs of the Division 36 Committee on International Relations

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### Key Publications\*

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**Spilka, B. and Ladd, K. L., (2012). The psychology of prayer: A scientific approach. New York: Guilford Press.**

**Date:** September 2012

**Book description:** Reviewing the growing body of scientific research on prayer, this book describes what is known about the behavioral, cognitive, emotional, developmental, and health aspects of this important religious activity. The highly regarded authors provide a balanced perspective on what prayer means to the individual, how and when it is practiced, and the impact it has in people's lives. Clinically relevant topics include connections among prayer, coping, and adjustment, as well as controversial questions of whether prayer (for oneself or another) can be beneficial to health. The strengths and limitations of available empirical studies are critically evaluated, and promising future research directions are identified.

View the table of contents online: [www.guilford.com/p/spilka](http://www.guilford.com/p/spilka)

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**Attachment and religion: special issue and forthcoming publications.**

The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, 2012, vol. 22, issue 3:

#### INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the Special Issue: Advancements in the Study of Attachment and Religion/Spirituality

Pehr Granqvist

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### RESEARCH

Disorganized Attachment Promotes Mystical Experiences via a Propensity for Alterations in Consciousness (Absorption)

Pehr Granqvist, Berit Hagekull, and Tord Ivarsson

Attachment Predicts Adolescent Conversions at Young Life Religious Summer Camps

Sarah A. Schnitker, Tenelle J. Porter, Robert A. Emmons, and Justin L. Barrett

God Representations, Attachment to God, and Satisfaction With Life: A Comparison of Doctrinal and Experiential Representations of God in Christian Young Adults

Bonnie P. Zahl and Nicholas J. S. Gibson

### THEORY

Attachment Theory and the Evolutionary Psychology of Religion

Lee A. Kirkpatrick

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Granqvist, P., Mikulincer, M., Gewirtz, V., & Shaver, P.R. (2012, July). Experimental findings on God as an attachment figure – Normative processes and moderating effects of internal working models. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. Advance Online Publication.

Cassibba, R., & Granqvist, P., & Costantini, A. (in press). Maternal Security on the Adult Attachment Interview Predicts their Children's Sense of God's Closeness. *Attachment and Human Development*. (Will most likely appear in print 2012, Vol. 14, issue 6, Oct.)

Granqvist, P., & Kirkpatrick, L.A. (in press). Religion, spirituality, and attachment. In K. Pargament (Ed.), *Handbook for the psychology of religion and spirituality*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association. (Expected in print, Jan, 2013).

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### Contact

Please feel free to contact me or to email all information of interest to me (such as job advertisement, conference, call for papers, or various announcements that you would like to bring under attention of the IAPR members):

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