The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is an international organization promoting the scientific research and exchange within the field of the psychology of religion. The Association is not partial to any particular trend but aspires to provide a platform for the entire spectrum of the scientific-psychological study of religion for psychologists of religion from all over the world.

Website: [http://psychology-of-religion.com/](http://psychology-of-religion.com/)

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Dear IAPR members,

I wish you a very happy New Year, may 2013 bring you growth and success!

In the present edition you will find information concerning the new 2013 IAPR awardees, 2013 IAPR Congress, postdoc position at University of Vienna, and on the publication of the *Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality 2nd Edition*. This newsletter was written with the help of Rosally Aguilar from UNC.

If you would like to add information in future newsletters please e-mail me the text! This may concern general announcements, conferences (future and report from past ones), job opportunities, key publications, or any other information you think IAPR members might be interested in.

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The award jury of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is happy to announce that the awardees for the 2013 Early Career Award and for the 2013 Godin Prize have been chosen.

The jury worked through nominations of many excellent candidates and came to the conclusion to award the **2013 Early Career Award** to

**Uffe Schjødt**

Uffe Schjødt got his PhD in 2009 and is a postdoc researcher at Aarhus University, Department of Culture and Society. He has already an excellent record of research projects and publications, working at the edge of psychology of religion and cognitive neuroscience of religion. He is crucially involved in developing new experimental methods for the psychology of religion to investigate religious phenomena like prayer, religious experience, ritualized behaviour and charismatic interactions.

More information about Uffe Schjødt can be found on his homepage:

http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/uffe-schjoedt(c2b0d5e1-b9e5-4ff1-9866-7009bc63827e).html
The 2013 Godin Price will be awarded to

Adam B. Cohen

Adam B. Cohen got his PhD in 2000 (University of Pennsylvania) and is now associate professor at Arizona State University. He has an impressive record of publications almost exclusively on religion, with the big majority of them having been published in top journals of personality, social, cultural, and evolutionary psychology. He is distinguished by the large diversity of topics and subfields he has worked on, the originality of the methodologies applied, the combination of many serious empirical studies with a thoughtful and original each time theorization. His major contribution to the field has been the development of cross-religious comparative, cultural psychology-based research on religion that has now being well inserted into the mainstream fields of social/personality/cultural psychology.

More information about Adam B. Cohen can be found on his homepage:

http://psychology.clas.asu.edu/Cohen/drcohen
Second call for papers

Congress of the International Association for Psychology of Religion

August 27-30, 2013, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Keynotes:

Jessie De Zutter (Univ. of Leuven, Belgium), 2011 IAPR Early Career Award
Adam B. Cohen (Arizona State Univ., USA), 2013 IAPR Godin Prize, Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi (Univ. of Haifa, Israel), Peter Nynäs (Åbo Akademi Univ., Finland) J. Hanneke Schaap-Jonker (Univ. of Groningen, The Netherlands)

Preconference (August 26, 2013): “Methodological issues in current psychological research on religion”

with Pierre-Yves Brandt (Univ. of Lausanne, Switzerland), Pehr Granqvist (Stockholm Univ., Sweden), Kevin Ladd (Indiana Univ. South Bend, USA), Christopher Alan Lewis (Glyndŵr University), Wade Rowatt (Baylor University, USA), Vassilis Saroglou (Univ. of Louvain, Belgium)

Deadline for submission of proposals (papers, symposia, posters): February 28, 2013

http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/iapr2013/congress/abstract-submission/

Deadline for registration: June 30, 2013

http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/iapr2013/registration/

For more information and contact: http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/iapr2013/
At the University of Vienna (15 faculties, 3 centres, about 188 fields of study, approx. 9.400 members of staff, more than 90.000 students) the position of a

**University Assistant (post doc)**

at the Faculty of Protestant Theolog

is vacant.

**Identification number of advertisement: 3594**

As from 1 March 2013, a post doc position at the Department of Practical Theology and Religious Psychology of the Faculty of Protestant Theology will be vacant for six years.

**Extent of Employment:** 40 hours/week

*Occupation group in accordance with collective bargaining agreement:* §48 VwGr. B1 lit. b (postdoc)

On top of this relevant chargeable work experience determines the assessment to a particular salary grade.

**Areas of work:**
- Participation in research and teaching
- Participation in research projects according to the profile of the institute.
- (International) publishing and presentation activities
- Preparation /Finalization of a (publishable) habilitation
- Holding classes due to extent regulations of wage agreement

**Profile:**
Completed university degree (PhD) in the field of Theology respectively Religious Studies or Psychology, enabling to research in the fields of Practical Theology and Religious Psychology. It is referred to § 15 of the law on external legal relations of the Protestant Church in Austria, Federal Law Gazette No. 182/1961 as amended.

Desirable are appropriate qualifications (eg, studies, publications, teaching experience) in the field of Practical Theology or Religious Studies or Psychology, which allow the applicant to participate within the formation of the perspective of religious psychology of the institute, unless an interdisciplinary or religious-psychological promotion makes this evidence unnecessary.

We expected a keen interest in the development and establishment of religious reflection of psychological perspectives, understanding of the consequences of theological and religious relevance of such questions as well as a high degree of personal initiative and responsibility, communication skills, interest in teaching, commitment to training and flexibility.

Good knowledge of English (oral and written) is required.
Your application should include the following documents:

- Letter of intent
- Scientific CV
- List of publications
- Draft of research interests / habilitation project
- Reference letters (if existing)

**Research fields:**

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Applications including a letter of motivation (German or English) should be sent via Job Center to the University of Vienna ([http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at](http://jobcenter.univie.ac.at)) no later than 10.02.2013 and be referenced to the identification number 3594.

For further information please contact Lefevre, Jeanine +43-1-4277-32801, +43-1-4277-32401, Engemann, Wilfried +43-1-4277-32802.
Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality 2nd Edition by Raymond F. Paloutzian and Crystal L. Park

Widely regarded as the definitive reference, this volume comprehensively examines the psychological processes associated with religion and spirituality. Leading scholars from multiple psychological subdisciplines present developmental, cognitive, social psychological, cultural, and clinical perspectives on this core aspect of human experience. The forms and functions of religious practices and rituals, conversion experiences, and spiritual struggles are explored. Other key topics include religion as a meaning system, religious influences on prosocial and antisocial behavior, and connections to health, coping, and psychotherapy.

For full information about this title online: www.guilford.com/p/paloutzian