

First Announcement

6th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health and 5th International Conference of the British Association for the Study of Spirituality

“Forgiveness in Health, Medicine and Social Sciences”

May 17-19, 2018 • Coventry (England) • www.ecrsh.eu

The 2018 Conference will be a joint venture of the European Initiative on Religion, Spirituality and Health and the British Association for the Study of Spirituality (BASS). The Conference takes place at Coventry University, England. The main topic will be “Forgiveness in Health, Medicine and Social Sciences”. Keynote speakers from a variety of disciplines will provide a comprehensive overview on the topic. Symposia and abstracts are invited to allow researchers to present and discuss their research projects. The social program will promote exchange and networking amongst researchers, health professionals and other experts from many nations.

Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Dr. Anthony Bash
Durham University, UK
Theological Perspectives on Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Prof. Dr. Arndt Büsing
Universität Witten/Herdecke, DE
Empirical Data on Patients’ Needs to Forgive and to be Forgiven
- Prof. Dr. Robert D. Enright
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
A Step-by-Step Process for Forgiveness
- Rev. Dr. Sarah Hills
Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, UK
Restitution as Embodied Reconciliation - The Example of South Africa
- Prof. Dr. Carlo Leget
University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, NL
Spiritual Care in Palliative Care – The Role of Forgiveness and Reconciliation
- Dr. Deborah Lycett
Coventry University, UK
Guilt and Forgiveness in Obesity
- Dr. Katja Schroder
University of Southern Denmark, DNK
Guilt Without Fault: Ethics of Forgiveness After Traumatic Childbirth

Debate

- Prof. Dr. Michael King
Division of Psychiatry, University College London, GB
- Prof. Dr. Harold G. Koenig
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, USA

Scientific Studies and the Interpretation of Results - Who is Right?

The Coventry Lecture

- Prof. Dr. Everett Worthington
Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia, USA
Dimensions of Forgiveness - An Overview

Call for Abstracts

Please submit your abstracts for oral or poster presentations until October 31, 2017

www.ecrsh.eu/abstract

Conference Fees

The conference fee's are graded according country categories I-III (see table beside). The country codes you find on the conference website www.ecrsh.eu. Fee's include lunch, coffee breaks and the conference booklet. They don't include the social evening. Students (BA, MA, PhD) must provide proof of status.

	Early Fee (until Nov. 30, 2017)	Normal Fee (from Dec. 01, 2017)	Early Student (until Nov. 30, 2017)	Norm. Stud. (from Dec. 01, 2017)
Cat. I	EUR 280	EUR 320	EUR 180	EUR 220
Cat. II	EUR 220	EUR 260	EUR 120	EUR 160
Cat. III	EUR 160	EUR 200	EUR 60	EUR 100

Scientific Committee

Prof. Arndt Büssing, MD, Universität Witten/Hededecke, Germany (Head); Prof. Dr. Fereshteh Ahmadi, Uppsala University, Sweden; Prof. Dr. theol. Klaus Baumann, University of Freiburg, Germany; Prof. Arjan Braam, MD, Utrecht/Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Prof. Jean-Marc Burgunder, MD, University of Bern, Switzerland; Prof. Dr. Christopher Cook, Durham University, UK; Ass.-Prof. Dr. Barbara Hanfstingl, University of Klagenfurt, Austria; René Hefti, MD, Research Institute for Spirituality and Health RISH and University of Bern, Switzerland; Dr. Cheryl Hunt, University of Exeter, UK; Prof. Dr. Niels Christian Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark; Dipl. psych., Dipl. theol. Constantin Klein, University of Bielefeld, Ger-

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International members: Prof. Mary Rute Gomes Esperandio, PUC, Brazil; Prof. Harold G. Koenig, MD, Duke University, Durham, NC, USA; Prof. Dr. Kevin Ladd, University South Bend, Indiana, USA.

Pre-Conference Workshop

**Prof. Harold. G. Koenig MD and other experts
May 13-16, 2018; University of Coventry, UK**

Preceding the ECRSH18 we invite you to participate in the 4-day Pre-Conference Research Workshop with Prof. Koenig. The workshop is open to all interested in doing research on religion, spirituality and health (accepting participants of any educational level or degree, including theologians, chaplains, physicians, nurses, psychologists, pastoral counselors, public health specialists, epidemiologists, or other).

Prof. Koenig of Duke University Medical Center is known as senior author of the "Handbook of Religion and Health". Furthermore Prof. Koenig is director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University and distinguished Adjunct Professor at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The center at Duke University used to offer a 1-year post-doctoral fellowship in religion and health, which Prof. Koenig has compressed into 4-day workshops.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Historical connections between religion & health
- Previous research on religion, spirituality and physical as well as mental health
- Strengths and weaknesses of previous research
- Theological considerations and concerns
- Highest priority studies for future research
- Strengths and weaknesses of religion and spirituality measures

- Designing different types of research projects
- Funding and managing a research project
- Writing a research paper for publication, getting it published
- Presenting research to public audiences, working with the media
- Developing an academic career in this area
- Overview on RSH research in Europe

European experts such as Prof. Arndt Büssing, Prof. Niels Hvidt, Dr. Constantin Klein and Dr. René Hefti also contribute to the program.

Individual mentorship meetings allow participants to discuss their own research projects.

Combined participation of ECRSH18 and the research workshop is possible. For further information contact: rene.hefti@rish.ch or info@rish.ch.

Notice: number of participants is limited!

Organised by the Research Institute for Spirituality and Health, Switzerland, in collaboration with the British Association for the Study of Spirituality and Coventry University, UK