

First Announcement

9th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

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online

“Spiritual Care Interventions in Modern Health Care”

May 16-18, 2024 • Salzburg (Austria) • www.ecrsh.eu

The next European conference will be held in cooperation with the Paracelsus Medical University in Salzburg as a hybrid event allowing onsite and online participation. The main topic is “Spiritual Care Interventions”. What interventions have been established and what do we know about their benefit for patients. European and international keynote speakers from a variety of disciplines and professional backgrounds will present their results and experiences. Symposia and free communications allow researchers to discuss their projects and findings (please submit your abstracts). The social and online interactive program promotes exchange and networking among conference participants onsite and online.

Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Piret Paal
Palliative Care, Paracelsus Medical University (AT)
The Importance of Self-Understanding in Spiritual Care Education and Training
- Dr. Michael Balboni
Harvard Medical School (US)
Theological and Ethical Reflections on Spiritual Care and Spiritual Care Interventions
- Prof. Niels Chr. Hvidt
Public Health, University of Southern Denmark (DK)
A Digital Support Platform for Spiritual Needs of Patients in Denmark
- Prof. Dr. Harold G. Koenig
Duke University Medical Center (US)
Research on Spiritual Care Interventions - What Do We Know?
- Prof. Stefan Lorenzl
Palliative Care, Paracelsus Medical University (AT)
Spiritual Care Interventions in Neurological Disorders
- Prof. Silvia Caldeira
Catholic University of Lisbon (PT)
Boundaries and Commitment: Spiritual Interventions in Evidence-Based Nursing
- Dr. Ebrahimian Abbasali
Faculty of Paramedic,
Qom University of Medical Sciences (IR)
Effects of Spiritual Care on Spiritual Health of Heart Patients (requested)

- Prof. Rogier Hoenders
Center for Integrative Psychiatry, Lentis in Groningen (NL)
Spiritual Interventions in Psychiatry: Scientific, Moral and Clinical Perspectives
- Dr. Riya Patel
Institute for Health & Well-Being, Coventry University (GB)
R/S Integrated Healthcare Interventions within a Digital Age: Development and Evaluation
- Prof. Dr. Lindsay B. Carey
Palliative Care Unit, La Trobe University (AU)
Moral Injury and Pastoral Care: Utilizing the WHO Spiritual Care Interventions

The Donia Baldacchino Lecture

- Prof. Tracy Balboni
Radiation Oncology, Harvard Medical School (US)
Clinical and Research Perspectives on Spirituality, Spiritual Care and SC Interventions

Call for Abstracts

Please submit your abstracts for
oral or poster presentations until
October 31, 2023

www.ecrsh.eu/abstract

Conference Fees

The conference fee's are graded according the economic conditions of the countries (categories I-III). The classification can be found on the conference website www.ecrsh.eu/registration. The fees for online and onsite participation differs by 40 Euro. Onsite participation additionally includes coffee breaks and reception (but not lunch breaks!).

	Early Fee (until Nov. 15, 2023)	Normal Fee (from Nov. 16, 2023)	Early Student (until Nov. 15, 2023)	Norm. Stud. (from Nov. 16, 2021)
Cat. I	240/280	280/320	120/180	180/220
Cat. II	180/220	220/260	80/120	120/160
Cat. III	120/160	160/200	40*/60	60/100

Note: All fee's are in Euro! The first number is the online fee. Its also possible to participate only for single days. Contact the office.

Scientific Committee

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Pre-Conference Workshop

Prof. Dr. Harold G. Koenig and European experts
May 12 - 15, 2024; online (possibly hybrid)

Preceding ECRSH 2024 we invite you to participate in the 4-day Pre-Conference Research Workshop with Prof. Dr. Koenig and European Experts. 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. Dr. Koenig of Duke University Medical Center is known as the senior author of the "Handbook of Religion and Health". Furthermore Prof. Dr. Koenig is director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University, distinguished Adjunct Professor at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Visiting Professor at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Shiraz, Iran, and Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine

The Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University used to offer a 1-year post-doctoral fellowship in religion and health, which Prof. Dr. Koenig has compressed into 4-day workshops.

The following topics will be discussed:

By Prof. Harold Koenig

- Historical connections between religion & health
- Previous research on religion, spirituality and physical as well as mental health
- Strengths and weaknesses of previous research

- Highest priority studies for future research
- Strengths and weaknesses of R/S measures
- Designing different types of research projects
- Funding and managing a research project
- Writing a research paper for publication
- Developing an academic career in this area

By Prof. Dr. Niels Chr. Hvidt, Prof. Dr. Deborah Lycett, Prof. Dr. Arjan Braam, Prof. Dr. Jessie Dezutter, Dr. René Hefti and Prof. Dr. Arndt Büssing:

- Theological reflections RSH research
- Scientific classification of religious practices
- Longitudinal studies and qualitative research
- Using physiological measures in RSH-research
- R/S Scales - the European perspective

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

Combined participation of ECRSH 2024 and the research workshop is possible. For further information contact: rene.hefti@rish.ch or info@rish.ch.

Notice: the number of participants is limited!

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