

# 9<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

## “Spiritual Care Interventions in Modern Health Care”

May 16-18, 2024 • Salzburg (Austria) • [www.ecrsh.eu](http://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 Lorenz  
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. Zeinab Ghaem Panah  
Department of Psychology,  
Georgetown University (IR)  
**Spiritual Care Interventions in Islam - what is the Difference?**

- 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**

**Symposia program  
on the backside !**

## 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](http://www.ecrsh.eu/registration). The fees for on-line and onsite participation differs by 40 Euro. Onsite participation additionally includes coffee breaks and reception (but not lunch breaks!).

	Early Fee (until Oct. 31, 2023)	Normal Fee (from Nov. 1, 2023)	Early Student (until Oct. 31, 2023)	Norm. Stud. (from Nov. 1, 2023)
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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## Symposia

Symposia I – VI: Friday, May 17th, 2024, 14:30 – 16:00 pm		
Symposia	Chair	Topic
Symposium I	Silvia Caldeira (PT), Piret Paal (AT)	Spiritual Care Interventions in Nursing and Midwifery
Symposium II	Maria Kyranou (CY)	Spiritual Care Competencies - Different Perspectives
Symposium III	René Hefti (CH)	Taking a Spiritual History - Different Approaches
Symposium IV	Arndt Büssing (DE)	How to Identify and Address Spiritual Needs in Different Religious and Cultural Contexts
Symposium V	Eckhard Frick (DE)	Research Methods in Palliative and Psychotherapeutic Care
Symposium VI	Aliza Damsma-Bakker (NL)	Spiritual Care Interventions in Children
Symposia VII – XII: Saturday, May 18th, 2024, 10:30 – 12:00 am		
Symposia	Chair	Topic
Symposium VII	Deborah Lycett (GB), Lindsay Carey (AU)	Spiritual Care in Allied Health Professions
Symposium VIII	Piret Paal (AT), Stefan Lorenzl (AT)	Neurospirit: Spiritual Care in People with Neuro(-onco)logical Diseases
Symposium IX	Eckhard Frick (DE)	The Application of Qualitative Research Methods in the Field of Spiritual Care Demonstrated by Practical Examples
Symposium X	Arjan Braam (NL)	Spiritual Care Interventions in Mental Health Care
Symposium XI	Arndt Büssing (DE)	Existential and Spiritual Care Training (German Language)
Symposium XII	René Hefti (CH)	Spiritual Care Interventions in Cardiovascular Disease and Health

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