

Second Announcement

5th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

**“Religion and Spirituality in Health Care:
Risk or Benefit for the Patient?”**

May 12-14, 2016 • Gdansk (Poland) • www.ecrsh.eu

The 5th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health will focus on the integration of religion and spirituality into health care and its implications for patients. Keynote speakers approach the topic from their specific professional background. The Gdansk Lecture will be held by Prof. Dr. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska (Poland). Symposia invite for discussion and free communications allow research groups to present their research projects.

Keynote Speakers

- Dr. Verna Benner Carson
C&V Senior Care Services, Williamsville, USA
Spirituality in Nursing Care
- Prof. Dr. Simon L. Dein
Durham University and Queen M. University London, GB
Spirituality in Mental Health Care - Testing the Efficacy of Prayer
- Prof. Dr. Julie Exline
Department of Psychological Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA
Religious Struggles and Spiritual Distress
- Prof. Dr. Michael King
Division of Psychiatry, University College London, GB
Religion and Mental Health - Empirical Findings in Europe
- Prof. Harold G. Koenig, MD
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, USA
Breaking News from RSH-Research
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Ulrich H.J. Körtner
Institute for Ethics in Medicine, University of Vienna, A
Theological Perspectives on the Integration of Religion and Spirituality into Health Care
- Prof. Dr. Kevin L. Ladd
Indiana University, South Bend, USA
Emplacement, Embodiment and Empowerment - Considering the Role of Prayer in Health Care Settings
- Prof. Dr. Stefanie Monod
University of Lausanne, CH
Spirituality in Geriatric Care - From Spiritual Distress to Public Health Challenges
- Dr. Katarzyna Skrzypinska
Institute of Psychology, University of Gdansk, PL
Threefold Nature of Spirituality model - Three Perspectives of Understanding Patients and Doctors
- Prof. Dr. Vasileios Thermos
Department of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Psychology, University Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, GR
Religion and Mental Health - Concepts

The Gdansk Lecture

- Prof. Dr. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska
Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland
Migration and its Consequences for Health - Role of Religion

Organised by the Research Institute for Spirituality and Health, Switzerland, in collaboration with the University of Gdansk, Poland

Timetable

	Thursday 12.05.	Friday 13.05.	Saturday 14.05.	Sunday 15.05.
08.00				
08.30				
09.00		Prof. Simon Dein "Spirituality and Mental Health Care - Testing the Efficacy of Prayer"	Prof. Vasileios Thermos "Religion and Mental Health - Revisiting the Concepts"	Day trip
09.30				
10.00	Break	Break		
10.30	Symposia I	Symposia II		
11.00				
11.30			Registration	
12.00	Lunch	Lunch		
12.30			"Welcome Drink"	
13.00	Poster Session	Prof. Michael King "Religion and Mental Health - Empirical Findings in Europe"		
13.30			Opening Session	
14.00	Free Communications	Prof. Kevin Ladd "Emplacement, Embodiment and Empowerment - Considering the Role of Prayer in Health Care Settings"		
14.30			Prof. Ulrich Körtner "Theological Perspectives on the Integration of Religion and Spirituality into Health Care"	
15.00		Dr. Verna Benner Carson "Spirituality in Nursing Care"	Closing Session	
15.30	Break	End		
16.00	Break	Prof. Stefanie Monod "Spirituality in Geriatric Care - From Spiritual Distress to Public Health Challenges"	Travelling home or Sightseeing	
16.30	Prof. Julie Exline "Spiritual Struggles and Spiritual Distress"	Dr. Katarzyna Skrzypinska "Threefold Nature of Spirituality model - Three Perspectives of Understanding Patients and Doctors"		
17.00				
17.30	Prof. Harold G. Koenig "Breaking News from RSH-Research"	Break		
18.15				
18.30	"Dinner"	Social Evening		
19.00				
19.30	Public Lecture Prof. Grzymala-Moszczynska "Migration and its Consequences for Health - Role of Religion"			
20.00				
20.30				
21.00	Reception			
21.30				
22.00				
22.15	Committee-Meeting			
22.30				

Symposia

Symposium I: Religion and Spirituality in Nutrition and Dietetics

Symposium II: Dimensions of Spirituality in Abilities and Disabilities

Symposium III: Spiritual Care – Concepts, Competencies and Challenges

Symposium IV: Religion, Culture and Immigration

Symposium V: Spirituality, Meaning making and Coping

Symposium VI: Religion and Spirituality in Chronic Disease

Symposium VII: Religion and Faith in the Therapeutic Relationship

Technical Information

Conference Venue

The conference takes place at the University of Gdansk, Department of Social Sciences. The address is:

**University of Gdansk
Bazynskiego 4
80-952 Gdansk
Poland**

Accommodation

Participants are advised to book their own accommodation. You find some special hotel conditions and suggestions on the conference website.

Conference Fee

	Early Fee (until Jan. 31, 2016)	Normal Fee (from Feb. 01, 2016)	Early Student (until Jan. 31, 2016)	Norm. Stud. (from Feb. 01, 2016)
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

Concerning tickets and fees for single lecturers or days ask the conference office or at the conference desk. The fee includes the costs for lunch and coffee breaks. Students must provide proof of status.

Please register at www.ecrsh.eu.

Pre-Conference Workshop

**Prof. Harold. G. Koenig MD and other experts
May 8-11, 2016; University of Gdansk, PL**

Preceding the ECRSH16 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).

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

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

Combined participation of ECRSH16 and the research workshop is possible. For further information contact: rene.hefti@klinik-sgm.ch or info@rish.ch.

Notice: number of participants is limited!