

First Announcement

## 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

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### General Information

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health will focus on **spiritual care**. The keynote speakers approach the topic from their specific professional background, aiming to enhance the interdisciplinary dialogue between medicine, neuroscience and theology. The **Bern Lecture** is offered by Prof. Eckhard Frick, Professor for Spiritual Care at Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. Symposia covering a broad

range of topics invite discussion. Free communications allow research groups to present their research projects either orally or as posters. The best presentation given by a young researcher will be honoured by the **Young Researchers Award**.

The conference aims to strengthen the network among researchers in the field and to promote scientific projects. A public lecture will be given by Prof. Traugott Roser.

### Keynote Speakers & Main Topics

- Bonaguidi Franco, Dr. phil.  
Institute of Clinical Physiology of the CNR, Pisa/Italy  
**Role of Religion in Patients undergoing Liver Transplantation**
- Danbolt Lars, Dr. theol., Adj. Prof.  
Norwegian School of Theology, Head of Center for Psychology of Religion, Oslo/Norway  
**Disasters, Ritual and Mental Health**
- Furness Sheila, Senior Lecturer  
Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Bradford, UK  
**Impact and Significance of Religion and Belief in Social Work**
- Frick Eckhard, Prof. Dr. med.  
Professorship of Spiritual Care, Medical Faculty, University of Munich, Germany  
**Spiritual Care – How Does it Work?**
- Granqvist Pehr, Assoc. Prof.  
Department of Psychology, Stockholm University, Sweden  
**Attachment, Spirituality and Mental Health**
- Hefti René, Dr. med., Lecturer  
Medical Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland  
**Cardiovascular Medicine and Spirituality – State of the Art and Consequences for Care?**
- Koenig Harold, Prof. Dr. med.  
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC/USA  
**Spiritual Care in the United States - Research, Understanding and Practice**
- McSherry Wilfred, Prof.  
Faculty of Health, Staffordshire University, UK  
**Definition of Spirituality in the Context of Elderly Care**
- Verhagen Peter, MD  
Dutch Foundation for Psychiatry and Religion, Netherlands  
**Spiritual Care in Psychiatry-Future Perspectives**
- Watts Fraser, Prof., Director  
Psychology and Religion Research Group, Cambridge, UK  
**Cognitive Processes and Religion: A Two-Systems Approach**

### Public Lecture

- Roser Traugott, Prof. Dr. theol.  
Professorship of Spiritual Care, Munich, Germany  
**Spiritual Care - Modewort, Trend oder echte Notwendigkeit? (in german language)**

### Call for Abstracts

We invite the submission for oral or poster presentations until January 20, 2012  
[www.ecrsh.eu](http://www.ecrsh.eu) (see abstracts)