Purpose

The Research Institute for Spirituality and Health aims to promote training and research in the field of Religion, Spirituality and Health in Switzerland and Europe. An important aspect is to link persons and institutions doing research on the topic and giving them the opportunity of networking. The Institute is borne by the Foundation for Psychology and Pathology of Religion, founded in 1991 and based in Langenthal/Switzerland.

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Activities

- Publishing a periodical Newsletter
- Organising scientific Workshops and Conferences
- Establishing an European Network of Research in Religion, Spirituality and Health
- Initiating and Supporting Research Projects and Dissertations
- Gathering relevant literature on Religion, Spirituality and Health

European Conference on „Religion, Spirituality and Health“

The Conferences aim to enhance the interdisciplinary dialogue between Medicine, Neuroscience, Psychiatry, Psychology, Spiritual Science and Theology. Experts giving comprehensive overviews, covering physical as well as mental health issues.

Symposia invite for discussion and free communications allow research groups to present their research projects either orally or as posters. Methodological support can be sought from research experts in their specific fields. Another emphasis lies on strengthening networking among researchers in the field and to promote scientific projects.

International experts as Prof. Harold G. Koenig or Prof. Ken Pargament inform the audience about new developments in the field.

Networking

We invite you to participate in the growing network of Clinicians, Scientists and Researchers in the emerging field of Religion, Spirituality and Health.

Homepage and Newsletter

Our Homepage as well as our Newsletter are thought to be platforms for exchanging information on recent activities, research groups and research results, as well as bringing up needs and announcements. Order our Newsletter and let us know about your projects. Or meet us at www.rish.ch or www.fisg.ch.

Let us build the European Research Network for Religion, Spirituality and Health together!

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