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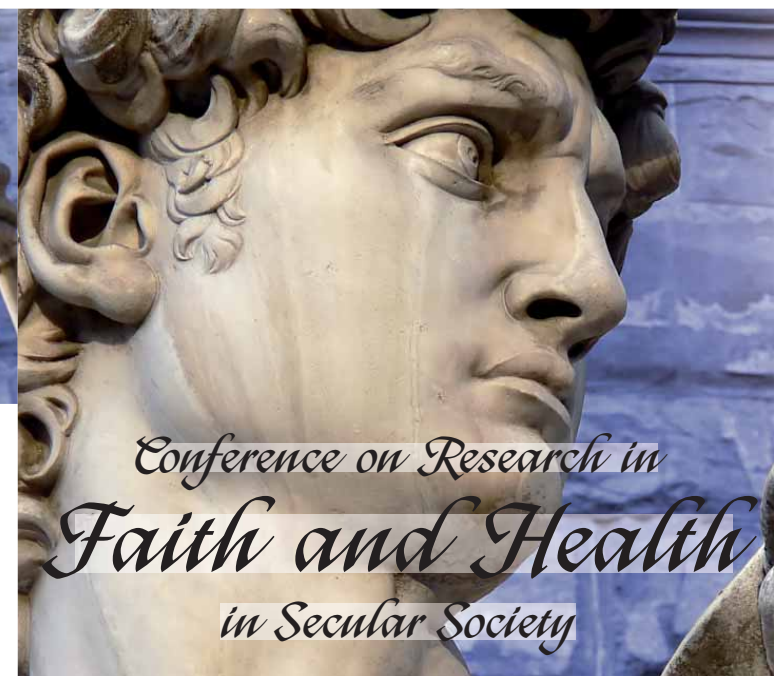
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## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2010

09:00 - Arrival, coffee and light breakfast

10:00 *Welcome and Introduction:*

By Ass. Prof., Theol. Dr., Niels Christian Hvidt, Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark and Ph.d., Clinical Health Psychologist Peter La Cour, Pain Clinic, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen.

Plenary Opening Session. Status on Research in Religion, Health and Meaning Making in Secular Society (Auditorium U100):

10:15 *State of the Art in Research in Faith and Health:*

By MD., MHSc., Prof. Dr., Harold G. Koenig, Duke University & Duke Medical School, North Carolina.

11:00 *Religion and Coping. The Current State of Knowledge:*

By Prof. Dr. Kenneth I. Pargament, Department of Psychology, Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

11:45 Coffee

12:00 *Positive Illusions? Reflections on the Reported Benefits of Being Religious:*

By Prof. Dr. David M. Wulff, Department of Psychology, Wheaton College, MA.

12:45 Panel discussion

13:15 Lunch

14:30 Paper Sessions: *Health, coping and critical thinking:*  
(Coffee is available from 15:30)

- Session 1 (Room U97): *Religion and long life. What are confounders, what are explaining variables?*  
Chair: Harold G. Koenig. Panelists: René Hefti, Christoffer Johansen, Peter La Cour.
- Session 2 (Room U98): *Religious Coping in a Northern European Context.*  
Chair: Kenneth I. Pargament. Panelists: Jack Korver, Heidi F. Pedersen, Tor Torbjørnsson.
- Session 3 (Room U99): *Prayer, Meditation, Health and Coping.*  
Chair: David Wulff. Panelists: Pehr Granqvist, Niels Viggo Hansen, Peter Elsass.

16:30 Poster Presentation (Campustorvet)

18:00 Social event: Guided tour in the city of Hans Christian Andersen (Free).

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2010

09:30 Arrival and coffee

Plenary Session. Different Goals, Different Methods in Religion, Health and Meaning Making Research in Secular Society (Auditorium U100):

10:00 *Quantitative Methods to Measure Spirituality/Religiosity in Patients with Chronic Illness from Northern Europe:*

By Prof. Dr. Arndt Büssing, MD, Zentrum für Integrative Medizin, Universität Witten/Herdecke, Germany.

10:45 *Qualitative Methods Used in a Study on Religious and Spiritual Coping Methods among Cancer Patients in Sweden:*

By Prof. Dr. Fereshteh Ahmadi, Department of Caring Sciences and Sociology, University of Gävle, Sweden.

11:30 Coffee

11:45 *Mixing Methods and Questioning Foundations. Exploring the Relation between Design and Theory:*

By Prof. Dr. Kevin Ladd, Department of Psychology, Indiana University, South Bend, Indiana.

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Paper Sessions: *Methodological challenges:*  
(Coffee is available from 15:30)

- Session 1 (Room U97): *Conceptualizing and measuring the field of meaning making and health.*  
Chair: Arndt Büssing. Panelists: Peter la Cour & Niels Christian Hvidt, Constantin Klein, Torgier Sørensen.
- Session 2 (Room U98): *Cancer and religious change – qualitative approaches.*  
Chair: Fereshteh Ahmadi. Panelists: Nadja Ausker, Mikael Lundmark, Hanne Bess Boelsbjerg.
- Session 3 (Room U99): *Bad health and existential narrative.*  
Chair: Kevin Ladd. Panelists: Gabriella Otty, Tove Elisabeth Kruse, Jeanette Knox Ladegaard.

16:30 Coffee Break

17:30 Bus departure for social event in Odense: Boat Trip on Odense River. Visit to Odense Zoo and appetitif with the penguins (Free).

19:00 Conference Dinner in Skovbakken Restaurant Zoo.



## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2010

09:30 Arrival and coffee

10:00 Paper Sessions: *Existence, spirituality and religiosity in the secular context:*  
(Coffee is available from 11:00)

- Session 1 (Room U97): *Pastoral care, Chaplaincy and Psychotherapy.*  
Chair: Tor Johan Grevbo. Panelists: Naveed Baig, Niels Christian Hvidt, Mikkel Wold.
- Session 2 (Room U98): *Spiritual aspects of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM).*  
Chair: Peter La Cour. Panelists: Christina Gundgaard Pedersen, Ann Ostenfeld-Rosenthal, Rita Agdahl, Anita Ulrich.
- Session 3 (Room U99): *The nature of existential concerns in secular society.*  
Chair: Hans Raun Iversen. Panelists: Sidsel Bekke Hansen, Maria Liljas Stålhandske, Kirsten Haugaard Christensen.

12:30 Lunch

14:00 *Faith and Health in Secular Society in the Perspective from Theory and Practice of Pastoral Care* (Auditorium U100):  
By Prof. Dr. Theol. Johan Grevbo, Diakonova University College, Oslo.

15:00 *Summary on Conceptual Issues in Religion, Health and Meaning Making* (Auditorium U100):  
By Peter La Cour and Niels Christian Hvidt.

15:30 Drinks and Snacks (Campustorvet)