

Call for Papers

The 2006 Conference of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

Leuven, Belgium

<http://www.iapr.de/conference2006.htm>

August 27 – 31, 2006

The next conference of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) will be held in Leuven, Belgium from August 27th to August 31st.

Over the years, the IAPR conferences have become an important meeting place for psychologists of religion and others interested in the field. The IAPR encourages contributions from all countries. We invite you to add to this conference with your empirical and/or theoretical contributions. Conference languages will be English, German and French.

Public interest in topics such as neurotheology, religion/spirituality and health, and religious fundamentalism is high: Does God live in the brain? Is religion reducible to genetics? Does religion really make us more healthy? How can meditation help to deal with stress and burn-out? These and still other questions are currently publicly debated. In the conference we shall address these questions from a *psychological* point of view.

Objectives

The conference will be a place to share new research in the psychology of religion as well as to meet with colleagues in the field.

Part of the program will be the general assembly of the IAPR and the election of a new board.

The André-Godin Prize will also be awarded during the conference. This award is intended for an outstanding young researcher who has contributed substantially to the field of psychology of religion in the last five years through either a monograph or five research articles with a common central theme. Suggestions for a candidate are most welcome (self-nomination possible). For more information see <http://www.iapr.de/activit.htm>.

As in previous years, the IAPR will organize a social program in the evenings, which is always a good opportunity to meet old friends and colleagues in the field as well as to meet new people and make new contacts.

Location

The conference will be held at the
Catholic University of Leuven, Tiensestraat 102, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.

Important Dates

Nov. 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006:	Online-submission of proposals for presentations
May 1, 2006:	Notification of acceptance (panels, papers, and posters)
July 1, 2006:	Deadline for registration
August 27-31, 2006:	IAPR conference

Paper Submission

Contributions may take the form of a paper, a panel, or a poster. Please indicate your choice of presentation. Abstracts should be in English and approximately 500 words in length (but no less than 300 or more than 600 words). A book of abstracts will be provided to all participants. Contributions themselves can be in English, German or French.

A Paper should be limited to 20 minutes, after which ten minutes will be allotted for discussion. Papers with similar topics will be grouped into panels by the organizers .

A Poster presentation is an alternative to presenting a full research paper. Please indicate if you prefer this form of presentation. A poster is an opportunity to display information about completed or ongoing research. New researchers in particular are invited to share work-in-progress by means of a poster. Posters will be displayed through the duration of the conference but a designated session will be scheduled in which participants can meet with authors to discuss their work.

A Panel is a coordinated set of papers (usually 3 or 4 in number), all dealing with a particular topic or issue. The person submitting the panel proposal must be willing to act as the panel coordinator and ensure that all proposed paper presenters commit to attending the conference. Please note that panel proposals require an abstract identifying and justifying the theme of the panel as well as a full abstract for each panel paper.

Paper, panel and poster abstracts MUST be submitted utilizing the online submission service. To submit your abstract using this service, go to the IAPR website — <http://www.iapr.de/conference2006.htm> — and follow the link there. It will be in operation starting November 1st, 2005.

Costs

The conference fee (including the social program) is as follows:

- IAPR members: 90.- €
- Nonmembers: 120.- €
- Students with student card: 50.- € (reduced fee)
- Accompanying persons, if they participate in the social program: 70.- €

The fee is to be paid at the registration desk in Leuven. Please bring cash (Euros).

Participation in the social program is guaranteed only to those participants who have registered online before July 1st, 2006.

Accommodation

The conference will be hosted by the University of Leuven and will use the facilities of the university. Attendees must arrange for their own accommodations. For a list of accommodations of all kinds see <http://www.leuven.be/showpage.asp?iPageID=1401> . Please book by yourself.

Contact Information

All questions regarding practical matters in Leuven such as accommodation, technical equipment, etc. should be addressed to:

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