

# REGISTRATION

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The 4th Dutch Congress on Medicine and Spirituality will be held on October 12th, 2013 at the auditorium of the Florence Woningzorgcentrum.  
**Address: Gerenaal Spoorlaan 62. Rijswijk, 2285 CH.**

**Registration fee:**  
**EUR 55,00**

Until 25/09/2013 the registration fee includes lunch, as well as coffee and tea during the event. After this date you can register without lunch, if places are still available.

## Students

There is a limited number of free tickets available for students that register until 25/09/2013

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# PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony

Integrating Spirituality in Clinical Practice  
**Dr. Mario F.P. Peres**

Neuroimaging & Mediumship  
**Dr. Julio F.P. Peres**

The homeopathic medical treatment model: when health is a state of balance and integration of body, mind and spirit  
**Dr. Miriam Sommer**

Spiritual Cure  
**Dr. Mario F.P. Peres**

Near Death Experiences, just hallucinations or the heaven's vestibule  
**Dr. Walter van Laack**

Panel discussion

Closing Remarks

Talks in English with simultaneous translation to Dutch and Portuguese (with headphones).



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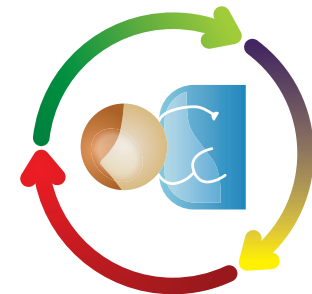


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Saturday, October 12th, 2013  
Reception from 8:30  
Congress from 09:15 to 17:15 hs

Theatre Hall of the  
Florence Woningzorgcentrum  
Gerenaal Spoorlaan 62, 2285 CH Rijswijk

# INVITATION

Dear colleagues, over the last four centuries, and especially due to strong religious intolerance, the gulf between science and religion has deepened, with the majority of scientific communities opting for the materialistic paradigm. It has been no different within the context of Medicine, especially in the 20th century, when the field was strongly saturated with a reductionist vision that limited it strictly to the physical body.

However, something new has occurred, particularly over the last decade with the introduction of the Spirituality factor in studies, research and in the practice of medicine itself. Within this movement, Spirituality has the connotation given to it by William James, i.e., the most elevated and noble sentiment joining the creature with the Creator. Thus, it consists of physicians and health professionals from the most diverse religious faiths, and even those who have no formal religious ties but who simply believe in the Supreme Being.

In the United States in 2001, almost two thirds of all medical schools already offered required or elective courses in Religion, Spirituality and Medicine. In spite of this fact, currently less than a third of American physicians are willing to ask patients about their religious convictions. Many allege a lack of time, inability to deal with the subject, or irrelevancy for the practice of Medicine.

If you are working in the area of health care and want to know more about Medicine and Spirituality or if you enjoy dialogue and the free exchange of ideas, come and participate with us at the 4th Dutch Congress on Medicine and Spirituality on October 12th, 2013 at the Florence Woonzorgcentrum Steenvoorde, Generaal Spoorlaan 62, 2285 CH Rijswijk. It will be a great pleasure to us to meet you there.

Best wishes,

**Marlene Nobre, MD**  
**International Medical Spiritist Association**

# SPEAKERS



## **Julio F.P. Peres, PhD**

Julio Fernando Prieto Peres is a neuroscientist and a psychologist with twenty years of clinical experience. As a clinician-researcher, he combines psychology with neuroscience and develops his interest in the neurobiological consequences of psychotherapy, having used functional neuroimaging to show the cerebral effects of subjective processing mediated by psychotherapy as part of his doctorate and two postdoctoral programs. Julio earned a PhD in Neuroscience and Behavior from the Institute of Medicine of the Federal University of São Paulo

(UNIFESP). His published works include articles on psychotherapy, trauma, PTSD, resilience, coping, religiousness, spirituality, reincarnation and functional neuroimaging. Researcher at the Institute of Psychiatry at the University of São Paulo (PROSER) and author of the books **'Trauma e Superação' (Trauma and Coping)** published in Brazil by Roca and **'Neuroimaging for Clinicians: combining Research and Practice'**, published by InTech: [www.intechopen.com/books/neuroimaging-for-clinicians-combining-research-and-practice](http://www.intechopen.com/books/neuroimaging-for-clinicians-combining-research-and-practice) [www.clinicajulioperes.com.br](http://www.clinicajulioperes.com.br)



## **Walter van Laack, Prof. Dr. MD**

Van Laack was born in Cologne, Germany, where he also grew up and studied Medicine, having been graduated in 1981, and got married in 1982. Meanwhile he has two grown-up sons. At first, he worked in Cologne, Germany, and since 1983 he has been working in Aachen, Germany, as a Doctor in Orthopaedics and Orthopaedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, Physiotherapy, Chiropractic and Chinese Acupuncture. Since 1986, he has been a lecturer – and later Professor – in Biomedical Engineering and Technomathematics

at the University of Applied Sciences in Aachen, Campus Jülich. Since 1978, Van Laack has had several longer stays abroad for the purpose of gaining different medical experiences in the USA, South Africa and China, also having been a lecturer in medical subjects for football-coaches on behalf of both the German Football Association (DFB) from 1986-2001 and the German Olympic Sports Organization (DOSB) during several years. Van Laack has been dealing with Cross-Sciences and Near-Death-Experiences for more than 30 years now. He is the author of several Books about Existential Philosophy and Philosophy of Natural Sciences, in both German and English ([www.vanLaack-Book.eu](http://www.vanLaack-Book.eu) or [www.vanLaack-Buch.de](http://www.vanLaack-Buch.de)).



## **Miriam Sommer, MD**

Miriam Sommer has attended medical school at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, having been graduated in 1980. After obtaining her MD, she has studied for three years at the Homeopathic Medical Specialization Course at the Homeopathic Medical Association of Paraná, coordinated by Dr. Javier Salvador Gamarra, in Curitiba, Brazil. In 1983 she earned the title of Medical Specialist in Homeopathy of the Federal Counsel of Medicine, Brazil. During this period she has also studied in Buenos

Aires, at the Homeopathic Medical Association in Argentina, coordinated by Dr. Francisco Xavier Eizayaga, in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Miriam Sommer has worked during 20 years as a Physician, specialist in Homeopathy, in her private practice and also as a volunteer at the Homeopathic Union of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. During this period, she also worked for the Research Committee of the Homeopathic Medical Association of Brazil (AMHB), participating in several research projects. She was responsible for conducting, in Brazil, the proving of **Hura brasiliensis**, at a national level. Since 2000, Sommer has been working as a homeopath in The Hague, The Netherlands, having been graduated as a Master in Science (MSc) in Clinical Epidemiology at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam in 2005.

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## **Mario F. P. Peres, MD, PhD, FACP**

Professor of Neurology, Federal University of São Paulo Senior Researcher, Albert Einstein Hospital, São Paulo President, AME-SP, São Paulo Medical Spiritist Association Graduated in Medicine at the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the Santa Casa de São Paulo (1995), Ph.D. in Medicine (Neurology) at the Federal University of São Paulo - UNIFESP (2000) and post-graduated at the Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia. He is currently senior

researcher at the Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein and professor of post-graduate Neurology / Neuroscience at UNIFESP. He is a very experienced physician, with an emphasis in Neurology, working on the following themes: epidemiology of headache, migraine and comorbid conditions, melatonin, pathophysiology of headaches, trigeminal-autonomic headaches, health and spirituality and the study of the placebo effect. Mario Peres is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, President of the Medical Spiritist Association of São Paulo, author of the book **'Headache: what it wants with you'** and has also created the website [www.cefeleias.com.br](http://www.cefeleias.com.br). (about headaches).