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CALL FOR PAPERS to be presented at the 2025 IRAS Conference June 22 to June 29, 2025: Star Island, NH

Theme: *Spiritual Experience: A Scientific, Philosophical and Theological Retreat*

Scientific, philosophical and theological research on the processes involved in “spiritual” transformation has generated a science-based understanding of physical, psychological, and substance-induced approaches which promote intentional opening to spiritual experience. There is evidence that we may have a spiritual core biologically wired into us and that there are ways to engage that core, resulting in “mystical/numinous” experiences and a comprehensive agape for ourselves, others, and life itself. These experiences have been linked to creativity, vitality, a sense of wholeness and purpose, communion with others, and awe/wonder.

We encourage professionals across disciplines to submit proposals for papers that address this theme. Possible questions to be considered might include:

1. How does the reality of immanent spiritual experience impact specific areas of science, philosophy and/or theology?
2. What might a new field of “ontology of Being” look like in the overlapping worldview of science, philosophy and/or theology?
3. What additional practices can be added to promote personal spiritual experience/ awakenings?

We also invite professional teacher/practitioners to submit proposals for workshops in transformational healing practices such as yoga, shamanistas, body/breathwork, sound healing, meditation, and other arts.

- Find the 2025 Call For Papers and Workshops submission form here: <https://www.iras.org/2025-call-for-papers.html>
- Read about IRAS here: <https://www.iras.org>
- Submit a 500 word abstract or workshop description to **pcandaux@gmail.com, with “IRAS 2025 Proposal” in the subject line, by February 15, 2025.** Abstracts must not include identifying information. Please send a separate cover letter with author details.
- Proposals will be peer reviewed, with a limited number accepted. The top two will be awarded Shapley-Booth Scholarships that cover conference registration and room/board. Authors may later submit their papers to *Zygon* for full text peer-review and potential publication.

For general questions about the call for papers/workshops, contact Calvin Chatlos:
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