



# Call for Papers

An International Conference on

## Body and Mind:

### Science and Spirituality Perspectives

*December 6 - 8, 2006*

*Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand*

#### Introduction

Recently there have been many interests in how the ancient spiritual practices are integrated into today's scientific perspectives. For example, there have been many research works on how meditation could alter the states of the brain and how it could induce neural changes. Attention has also been paid to mind training exercises in clinical practices. These attempts point to a growing interest in how body and mind do interact with each other, and especially how the religious perspectives could contribute to better knowledge and technique that could help today's world, and how health care professionals should learn how to integrate spiritual dimensions in their practices.

The international, interdisciplinary conference on "Body and Mind: Science and Spirituality Perspectives" aims at exploring these fascinating interaction between science and religion. It seeks to foster better understanding the various dimensions in which body and mind are interwoven; how the physiology of the brain, for example, is influenced by the mind. Other topics include integration of body and mind in various religious traditions, scientific and holistic approaches to body and mind, healing for HIV/AIDS and cancer patients, palliative care, alternative medicine, Tibetan medicine, Thai medicine, comparisons between religion and science on the mind and the body, role of prayers and meditation in everyday life, food and health and other related issues.

The conference is organized by the [Thousand Stars Foundation](#), a non-profit organization whose aims are to promote knowledge on Tibetan language, culture and religions, to foster a better understanding between the Theravada and Vajrayana Buddhist traditions,

to engage in community development in the Tibetan cultural area, and to promote dialogs between Buddhism and science. The conference is partly supported by a grant from the Metanexus Institute through its [Local Societies Initiative Program](#).

### **Call for Papers**

Papers and abstracts are being called for the conference. Interested persons should send an abstract of no more than 150 words to Dr. Soraj Hongladarom at the address below. Please also refer to the important dates below.

### **Important Dates**

*Deadline of submission of abstract or paper proposal*

15 September 2006

*Authors notified of acceptance of abstracts by*

15 October 2006

*Deadline of submission of materials for photocopying (no more than 5 pp.)*

16 November 2006

*Conference Date*

6 - 8 December 2006

### **Abstracts should be sent to:**

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### **Conference Website**

<http://www.thousand-stars.org/TSBSG/>