



INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY FOR
CONTEMPLATIVE
RESEARCH

ISCR 2026

Online Conference on Consciousness

SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS

One day · three regional time blocks · three keynotes · fully online
9 October 2026 · 10:00 SGT / 10:00 BST / 10:00 PDT

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A field-defining audience, once a year

What is contemplative research?

The scholarly and scientific investigation of meditative and other mind–body practices and their clinical and pedagogical applications — including practices that cultivate sustained attention, concentration, tranquility and insight, and the study of the many forms of consciousness, with the larger goal of promoting well-being.

The spectrum sponsors reach

- Compassion & prosociality
- Clinical mind–body health
- Buddhist science & textual study
- Phenomenology & psychedelics
- Neurobiology of meditation
- Philosophy of mind
- Contemplative education
- Ethics, equity & application

350+

members across the fields of contemplative research

4th

annual conference; Virtual conference follows Chapel Hill, Padova and San Diego

9 October 2026

one day: workshops, plenaries, panels, posters, roundtables

Sponsorship helps reduce registration costs — especially valuable for early-career researchers, student members, and delegates from historically underrepresented socio-economic backgrounds.

A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama



THE DALAI LAMA

International Society for Contemplative Research (ISCR)
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4 June 2026

Dear David Vago,

Thank you for your kind letter regarding the work of the International Society for Contemplative Research (ISCR). It is most appreciated.

I have been engaged in discussions with scientists from many countries over almost four decades. As these talks have increased, progress of modern science and Buddhist science have achieved significant mutual benefit. Having learned a great deal about the physical world, Buddhist scholars and contemplatives have acquired modern sciences with the qualities of the mind.

The Mind & Life Institute emerged from these interactions and in due course, as my long-time interpreter, Thupten Jigme Norbu, served the work for the International Society for Contemplative Research (ISCR). I am happy to know that this international academic society is dedicated to supporting the independent and collaborative work of scholars, scientists, clinicians, and contemplative practitioners focused on contemplative and other mind-body practices.

One purpose of this work is to extend human knowledge. Ancient Indian understanding of the mind — particularly the transformation of emotions — holds insights as relevant today as ever.

The second purpose speaks to the crisis of emotions we witness in the world today, reflected in the stark contrast between the peace enjoyed in some places and the anguish experienced in others. The remedy lies in greater concern for others' well-being, a deeper sense of our shared humanity, and the cultivation of warm-heartedness.

I am very happy to note that the International Society for Contemplative Research is dedicated to taking the dialogue between Buddhist science and modern science forward and that it is committed to making whatever benefits are revealed available to enhance the health and well-being of all.

With prayers and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, letter to the International Society for Contemplative Research, 4 June 2026

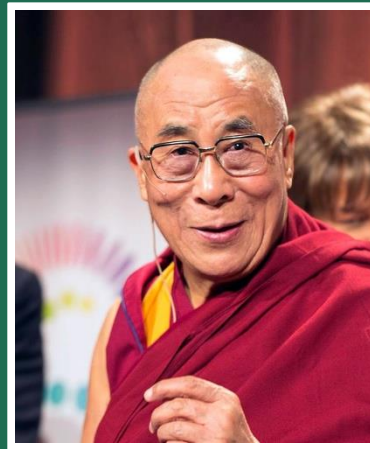


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What this means for a sponsor

Standing

A society recognised at the highest level of the Buddhist scientific dialogue

Rigour

Peer-reviewed programme; sponsorship never touches review or selection

Reach

Scientists, clinicians, philosophers, educators and contemplative teachers in one room

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One day of programming, three time zones

1

day of live programming

9 October 2026

3

regional time blocks

Asia/Australia · Africa/Europe ·
Americas

3

dedicated keynotes

one per regional block

12

**months of on-demand
access**

every session recorded

Registration is free for ISCR members and \$250 for non-members

Free member access is designed to maximise attendance across a 350+ member society whose in-person meetings have drawn 300+ delegates from 18+ countries. Sponsors therefore reach a fuller cross-section of the field than at a travel-gated meeting — including early-career researchers, clinicians and contemplative practitioners who rarely fly to conferences.



How the Conference will be delivered

As an entirely virtual conference, our community is able to connect like never before.

This format lets the Congress accommodate a wider variety of presentations, welcome more attendees from around the world, and engage with one another in a modern, efficient and responsible way.

Keynote presentations

Three regional block keynotes, live and recorded

Symposiums

Curated multi-speaker sessions on the 2026 subject areas

Workshops

Skills- and methods-focused sessions with live Q&A

Oral & poster presentations

Peer-reviewed research shared live and on-demand

Networking rooms

Structured and informal spaces to meet other delegates

Exhibit hall

Virtual booths for sponsors and partner organisations

Active on social media throughout, to increase exposure and engagement.



Who you will hear from



Helene Langevin, MD

Former Director, NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. Fascia and connective tissue biology, whole-person research.



Neil Theise, MD

Professor of Pathology, NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Liver and stem cell biology, co-discoverer of the interstitium, complexity and consciousness.

Plus invited speakers from across the disciplines

Clinical psychology

Contemplative and culturally grounded practice in therapy, trauma care and mental health.

Neuroscience

Brain networks, interoception and the measurement of awareness and altered states.

Developmental science and education

Child development, learning environments and school-based contemplative programmes.

Humanities and philosophy

Cultural, ethical and textual traditions framing consciousness research.



Three sponsor assets, one clear ladder

01

Logo

Placement on the conference website

A hyperlinked logo and one-sentence description on the conference sponsor page, carried in the digital programme, holding slides between sessions and conference emails. Standard at every level.

02

Voice

A few live minutes to introduce your organisation

A representative appears live on the main stage — two to five minutes, scripted and rehearsed with the technical team — to introduce the organisation and, at partner level, the block keynote.

03

Video

A film about your product or organisation

A 90–180 second sponsor-supplied film played in the scheduled interval before a session and hosted in the on-demand library alongside the recorded programme for twelve months.



Five tiers for a one-day online event

Benefit	Friend \$1,500 entry recognition	Bronze \$3,500 logo + video	Silver \$5,500 logo + video + voice	Gold \$7,500 block partner	Platinum \$10,000+ exclusive title
Hyperlinked logo and link on sponsor page, 12 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo on holding slides, all three blocks	–	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo and link in conference emails and programme	–	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor video in the on-demand library	–	60 sec	90 sec	180 sec	180 sec
Sponsor video in a live session interval	–	1 block	2 blocks	2 blocks	3 blocks
Live spoken introduction on the main stage	–	–	1 min	3 min	5 min
Named recognition in the programme	–	–	Session	Keynote	Conference
Chat lounge – Opportunity to host a session in program	–	–	✓	✓	✓
Sponsored Scholarships/registrations for Contemplative practitioners and jr. investigators	–	–	2	3	5
Complimentary registrations	–	–	2	3	5
Aggregate post-event metrics report	–	–	✓	✓	✓

Live introduction: 2-5 minutes, Named recognition reads “Session partner”, “Keynote presented by” or “ISCR 2026 presented by”. Keynote tier: one sponsor per regional block. All amounts in USD. Access memberships are allocated by ISCR; reports contain aggregate metrics only. Sponsorship does not influence peer review or programme selection.



What each benefit means in practice

Website logo	Hyperlinked PNG or SVG, minimum 1000 px wide, on the conference sponsor page from confirmation until 31 December 2027, with a one-sentence organisational description of up to 30 words.
Live speaking time	One to five minutes, delivered live by one named representative from your organisation, in a slot at the top of a regional block. Slides are limited to two. A technical rehearsal is held in the week before the conference; a pre-recorded version is accepted as a fallback.
Sponsor video	60–180 seconds, 1080p MP4, captioned, supplied 21 days in advance. Played in a scheduled interval announced in the programme, never over a scientific session, and hosted in the on-demand library for twelve months.
Access memberships	One-year ISCR student, trainee or lower-income-country memberships allocated by the Society. The table numbers are memberships funded, not sponsor registrations. Recipients are never identified to sponsors.
Complimentary registrations	Full conference registrations for the sponsor's own staff or guests, issued once selections reach the Dialogue tier (\$5,500) or above. Names are due 14 days before the conference; unused registrations are not refundable or transferable to a later year. May be donated as scholarships.
Engagement report	Delivered within 30 days with aggregate registrations and attendance, sponsor-video plays, sponsor-link clicks and on-demand views. No names, emails or individual-level data are shared without explicit attendee opt-in.

Assumption to confirm: membership year and website hosting run to 31 December 2027, giving roughly 14 months of post-conference visibility.



Timeline and how to confirm

Now	Select a tier or à la carte items; the Society confirms availability of the exclusive and per-block slots.
On confirmation	Logo, link and description go live on the sponsor page. Invoice issued; payment due within 30 days.
18 September 2026	Deadline for sponsor video files, artwork and the name of your live speaker.
Week of 2 October	Technical rehearsal for all sponsors with live speaking time.
9 October 2026	Conference day across three regional blocks.
By 6 November 2026	Aggregate sponsor metrics report; on-demand library opens with sponsor content in place.

Dates other than 9 October 2026 are proposed working deadlines for the Society to confirm.

Thank you



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Sponsorship keeps ISCR 2026 free for members and open to colleagues around the world. It supports a young society building rigorous, culturally grounded inquiry into contemplative and mind–body practice, and it puts your organization in that conversation, not beside it.

To confirm a sponsorship

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We welcome tailored arrangements, multi-year commitments across ISCR 2026 online and ISCR 2027 in Kyoto, and in-kind support.

Working assumptions in this draft: 9 October 2026 conference date; 450–700 registrants; website and on-demand hosting to 31 December 2027; prices in USD, exclusive of taxes.