



## Swiss Metadatabase of Religious Affiliation - Newsletter 2/16

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*Dear Colleagues*

This is the newsletter 2/2016 on the Swiss Metadatabase of Religious Affiliation in Europe (SMRE). We are pleased to inform you about a new way to do crowd research on religion and religious affiliation in Europe.

Our newsletter will keep you informed about the SMRE and its most recent innovations on a regular basis. Our topics of today:

### **Successful SMRE Workshops 2016**

The SMRE project and in particular its web-application supports and fosters a new broad joint research effort of doing crowd research on an international scale. Elaborating a web-application like the SMRE leads to many questions and challenges. In order to address these questions and challenges the SMRE-team has already organized two workshops in 2016: The first was in March on «Debating the Religious Composition of Europe: Religious Statistics, Methodology and Algorithms», the second followed in June on «The Output Tool of the SMRE. Function, Design, Possibilities of Analysis».

<http://www.smre-data.ch/en/content/workshop-march-2016>

### **Output Tool is coming soon**

The SMRE has been set up to improve the data situation on the religious composition of Europe. It will provide detailed statistics and consolidated «best data» on religious affiliation for European countries and regions including the EU. For this purpose we have set up a newly designed, interactive web-application. Its data entry tool is already online. The output tool will follow soon. After testing the tools in a beta-version in one of our workshops, we're now working on the final version. First previews are already online.

<http://www.smre-data.ch/en/content/data-output>

### **SMRE Presence at Conferences**

Cloud and crowd research are changing our way of work and life and the SMRE project embraces both approaches. Doing crowd research also means to get in touch with other researchers and stakeholders. For this purpose the SMRE-team is presenting the SMRE approach at different conferences and meetings.

<http://www.smre-data.ch/en/content/events>

### **Safe the Date for the SMRE Conference 2017**

The SMRE Conference 2017 on the topic «Religious Belonging in Europe. Old Traditions and new Identities in comparative Perspective» will be held at the University of Lucerne in Switzerland from June 20-23, 2017. The call for papers is coming soon.

<http://www.smre-data.ch/en/content/conference-2017>

For further information or help with the data tool, as well as in case of any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us: [info@smre-data.ch](mailto:info@smre-data.ch).

Best regards,

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