Swiss Metadatabase of Religious Affiliation - Newsletter 1/16

Dear Colleagues

This is your first newsletter 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:

New SMRE Website launched
The *Swiss Metadatabase of Religious Affiliation in Europe (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 now set up a newly designed, interactive online web-application. Its data entry tool is ready for you now. Output tools will follow in 2016. The SMRE metadatabase follows an open data approach. Its use is free of charge.

www.smre-data.ch

Be a Part of the SMRE Data Community
Cloud and crowd are changing our way of work and life. 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. For this purpose, our newly designed interactive data input tool has been set up. The SMRE team looks forward to bringing cloud research on religious affiliation to life with you. It is easy to become a part of our virtual research community. Take a look now:

http://www.smre-data.ch/en/data_recording/record

First Results and Ongoing Migration of the Metadatabase
In the first SMRE project phase, over the course of three years, data from a wide range of sources have been collected by the SMRE team of the University of Lucerne. There are prelimnary results on data reliabilty and religious pluralization already available. During second phase – funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) – we are migrating all data of our secondary analyses of original sources to the newly designed SMRE web-application to allow for crowd researching now and – in the near future – for easy data retrieval and analyses for all scientists interested.

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

Do you nee help with the data entry tool? Do you have any questions or suggestions? Do not hesitate to contact us in case you need more information: info@smre-data.ch.

Best regards,

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