

# Announcements

IRAS

The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

**Purpose**—IRAS ([www.iras.org](http://www.iras.org)) is an independent society of scientists, philosophers, religion scholars, theologians, and others who want to understand the role of religion in our dynamic scientific world.

**Activities**—Each year IRAS organizes a week-long conference. Topics are selected to be relevant to current scientific thinking and to fundamental religious questions. (IRAS members pay a reduced rate for conference registration.)

IRAS organizes events at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and IRAS members help organize sessions at the American Academy of Religion (AAR). IRAS has sponsored more than two hundred fifty meetings at universities, colleges, and theological schools.

IRAS members may also join the lively online discussion group, and thus learn about new developments and publications, express their views, and become familiar with those of others.

**Publications**—*Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* and *IRAS Newsletter*. IRAS members receive subscriptions to these publications free of additional charge.

**Special Relationship**—Affiliated Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

## Membership Dues

Membership is very attractive for those interested in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. The membership fee for IRAS for individual members, including *Zygon*, online and print, is lower than the U.S. rate for an individual subscription to *Zygon*! An even lower rate is available for those who prefer to have *Zygon* online only! And new members receive an additional discount in their first year of membership! There is also a discount for student members! For full details, see [www.iras.org/membership.html](http://www.iras.org/membership.html).

**Invitation to Join**—You are most welcome to join IRAS, the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science. For further information and an application write to:

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## IRAS 2019 CALL FOR PAPERS

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*We invite proposals for oral or poster presentations related to science and religion to be presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> annual IRAS summer conference on Star Island  
June 22 – 29, 2019*

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THE CRISPR APPLE ON THE TREE OF KNOWLEDGE:  
BIOENGINEERING, GENE EDITING, AND THE HUMAN FUTURE

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Program Co-Chairs: Arvin Gouw and Ted Peters

Conference Co-Chair: Maynard Moore

Co-Chair for Operations: Abby Fuller

**We invite proposals from professionals in scientific or religious fields for oral or poster presentations.** Proposals will be peer-reviewed, and the top proposals will be invited as Shapley-Booth fellows to receive full room and board.

More information about this year's conference can be found at <http://iras.org>

The **deadline** for proposals is February 15, 2019. Fellowship decisions and accepted papers for either oral or poster presentations will be announced by March 15, 2019. **Proposals should include** 1) A cover letter including your contact information 2) An abstract of no more than 150 words and 3) A narrative of no more than 500 words (roughly two double-spaced pages). Proposals should be submitted as **Microsoft Word attachments (.doc or .docx)** using the abstract submission form in the conference page at <http://www.iras.org/2019-call-for-papers.html>

*IRAS cultivates a community of informed and respectful inquiry and dialogue at the intersections of science with religion, spirituality and philosophy in service of global, societal, and personal well-being.*

*Star Island provides an environment that frees all who come to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence, and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be.*