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Dear member of ReDi,

Christmas is coming close and we have started to plan for the next year, and our biannual conference in Norway with exciting themes and encounters with people from all over the world. Please see below some news about what we in the ReDi board are working on – and a link to the latest issue of the open access Diaconia Journal.

Transfer of ReDi's legal entity from Finland to Belgium

As the General Assembly approved the proposal of the Executive Board in 2018 to transfer the legal entity of ReDi from Finland to Belgium, the board has moved forward and all members should have received a transfer form by email to easily transfer their membership with a few clicks. **If you are a member and have not received the transfer form, please check your spam folders or contact Florian Tuder at membership@diaconiaresearch.org as soon as possible.** *Institutional members* can find the transfer form [here](#); *Individual members* can find the transfer form [here](#).

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How do recipients evaluate the effects of volunteering and volunteering services? This is the theme of one of the articles in the latest issue of Diaconia. Journal for the Study of Christian Social Practice (December 2019). The Journal is available for anyone to read [online](#). The new editor welcomes articles and proposals for thematic issues.

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Diaconia as Gamechanger? Leadership Service in Times of Crisis, Complexity and Transformation

Researchers and in particular PhD students are invited to submit abstracts for papers sessions, panels or workshops until 20 February 2020 to conference@diaconiaresearch.org. You will be informed if your paper is accepted by 3 April 2020. See the full call on our [website](#).

Please save the dates from 16 to 18 September 2020 for your participation in the 8th Conference of the International Society for Research and Study of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice (ReDi) in Oslo/Norway. If you have any questions at this point, please get in touch with the organisers at conference@diaconiaresearch.org.

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Professor emeritus in the Sociology of Religion Anders Bäckström (Uppsala University) has founded a fund to support research on Diaconia, Christian social practice, welfare and religion, and in particular young researchers in this field. The Anders Bäckström Fund is placed at Diakonhjemmet foundation in Oslo/Norway. The board of the Anders Bäckström Fund announces this year for the second time an award for an excellent master thesis in the field of diaconal studies and welfare and religion. The Anders Bäckström Prize will be awarded for the second time during the conference of the International Society for the Research and Study of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice (ReDi) 16-18 September 2020 in Oslo/Norway.

Please see the full [announcement](#) on our website and do not hesitate to apply for the award.

For a final remark, you can also contribute by sending us information about events, research, publications or other things to make the development of this field visible.

With best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas,

Ninna Edgardh

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