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## WEA spokeswoman on Islam to teach at Bonn State University

(Bonn, 08.01.2013) The World Evangelical Alliance congratulates Dr. Christine Schirmmacher on completion of her professoral thesis on 'Apostasy in Muslim Theology' and the beginning of her teaching career at the Islam department of the Friedrich Wilhelms State University in Bonn, one of the leading universities in Germany.

Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe, Secretary General of the WEA, said: "This is a very significant appointment at a prestigious institution. It is a recognition of Dr. Schirmmacher's academic credentials in the public square. We are very grateful for her witness in the marketplace of ideas."

Dr. Schirmmacher is spokeswoman on Islam of WEA and Executive Director of WEA's International Institute of Islamic Studies, a global network of professors of Islamic studies, that focuses on presenting researched and reliable information to governments, universities, media and churches.

Presently she also heads the Islam Task Force of the WEA that prepares a global agenda concerning Islam for the WEA General Assembly in Seoul 2014 in close cooperation with the regional alliances in Asia and Africa.

Dr. Wilf Gasser, WEA's Associate Secretary General, who is responsible for the support and development of WEA initiatives and task forces, expresses his gratitude to the group of people forming the new task force.

"Islam is confronting the evangelical community with so many challenges that it is vital to bundle our expertise to address the many issues not out of fear, but out of competence and a clear understanding," Dr. Gasser says, and adds: "We are privileged to have so many experts whose motivation is rooted in the love of Christ."



Christine Schirmmacher during her inaugural lecture at the University of Bonn (© IIRF)



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Dr. Schirmacher will stay professor of Islamic Studies at the “Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät” (Protestant University) in Leuven/Belgium, where she teaches since 2005. She will also continue teaching at the Diplomat’s School of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Berlin and several government institutions of security policy.

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- [Photo 1](#): Christine Schirmacher during her inaugural lecture at the University of Bonn (© IIRF)
- [Photo 2](#): The Dean of the Philosophical Faculty, Prof. Dr. Paul Geyer, congratulates Christine Schirmacher (© IIRF)

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