

Exploring the Science of the Subtle

The First MIND Lab International Research Gathering

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Antonov Auditorium · Brendan Iribe Center for Computer Science and Engineering
University of Maryland, College Park

“The subtle is not the opposite of science. It is the frontier of it.”

What the title means

Every tradition has a name for what lies beneath the visible world — *prāṇa*, *qi*, spirit, energy, the field. Science has mostly called it “not yet measured.” **The subtle** is not necessarily vague or supernatural: it refers here to phenomena that may lie beyond the reach of our present instruments and that warrant careful characterization and investigation.

Science here means a discipline of honesty: take experience seriously, state the question precisely, test it in a way that could prove you wrong, and report what you found. **Exploring** means treating dowsing, consecration, mantra, the lightest stages of sleep, and the sense of a sacred place as observations to be characterized — not beliefs to be defended or debunked.

This gathering brings spiritual seekers, healers, quantum scientists, and information theorists to one table — to disagree productively and to design next steps together. Bring your experience and bring your skepticism; we need both in equal measure.

Featured presentations

- **Sri Anish** — Saadho Org India
Subtle: the Seen, the Unseen, and the Beyond
- **Dr. Rajan Narayanan** — Life in Yoga Foundation
Yoga and the Subtle: Healing and Realization
- **Dr. Mike Liddy** — University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Fields, Information and Living Systems
- **Joan Sugerman** — Gemini Executive Coaching
- **Dr. Ashok Thareja** —
Subjective Experience and Measurement of the Subtle

...additional speakers and remaining talk titles to be announced. Full program to follow.

Signing of Memoranda of Understanding

The gathering will also mark the signing of Memoranda of Understanding between the MIND Lab and two partner organizations, **Saadho Org USA** and the **Life in Yoga Foundation**, formalizing collaboration on the exploration of the subtle.

Join us

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Spiritual seekers — traditional accounts may constitute some of humanity's oldest records of these experiences
- Healers — what your hands know deserves a shared scientific vocabulary
- Quantum scientists and information theorists — the measurement problem is already a question about the subtle
- Computer science and AI researchers — information-first models of mind and matter that can be built and run
- Neuroscientists — attention, sleep states, and how a frequency or a mantra reaches the brain and the cell
- Everyone who is curious about why one room feels right and another does not

EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday, October 3, 2026, 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Where: Antonov Auditorium, Brendan Iribe Center, 8125 Paint Branch Dr, College Park, MD 20742

Admission: Free; seating is limited — please RSVP

Refreshments: Will be served following the presentations

RSVP: [Click here](#)

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