



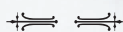
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Section of Forensic Psychiatry,
is delighted to announce an international conference in

PRATO

⇒ TUSCANY, ITALY ⇒

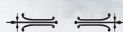
12-15 OCTOBER, 2010

MONASH UNIVERSITY PRATO CENTRE



JUSTICE AT RISK:

FACTITIOUS DISORDERS, MALINGERING AND THE
INHERENT RISKS OF RISK EVALUATION FOR COURTS



ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS:
FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER 2009

CONFERENCE WEBSITE:
<http://forensic2010.conorg.com.au>



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A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF THE FIELD OF FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY IS THE NECESSITY TO CONSIDER DECEPTION.

Unlike most clinical areas, history and symptoms in the forensic arena can never be taken at face value. Deception is a frequent element in both criminal and civil matters. Forensic psychiatrists thus need to be experts in not just the evaluation of phenomenology, but also in epistemology, in order to effectively validate opinions provided to courts.

The theme for the conference is to take risk assessment one step further than the risks presented by the patient, yet also to step back and re-evaluate the bases on which forensic opinions are formed.

We anticipate this conference will attract forensic mental health practitioners from around the world and provide a unique opportunity to compare approaches and findings from research and practice.

Our host city of Prato promises to be an ideal setting for our conference, and provide a perfect environment for immersion in Italian language and culture.

We invite all interested professionals to submit an abstract for consideration by the program committee.

Registration for the conference will open in early 2010.

John Chalk and Ness McVie (Convenors)



HOST CITY PRATO *Italy*

The second largest city in Tuscany with a population of around 180,000, Prato is situated just a short distance from Florence and other major art cities of the Tuscan region including Pistoia, Pisa, Lucca and Siena. Prato is a hidden gem that offers the tourist a wide array of historical and artistic attractions with a cultural itinerary that goes from Medieval times to contemporary art.

In the centre of the town, Prato offers a wealth of architectural heritage including the Emperor's Castle built by the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II (the only example of Swabian architecture in northern central Italy), the Cathedral with its revered relic of the Madonna's sacred belt, Palazzo Pretorio, Datini's house, the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Carceri by Giuliano da Sangallo, the medieval churches of St Francis, St Dominic, St Augustine as well as a number of patrician palaces. These building and the city museums hold works of art by great masters such as Agnolo Gaddi, Paolo Uccello, Filippo and Filippino Lippi, Donatello, Michelozzo and other famous artists of the 14th century and Renaissance.

For more information about Prato, visit: www.ita.monash.edu www.prato.turismo.toscana.it

CONFERENCE VENUE

Monash University Centre in Prato. Palazzo Vaj, Via Pugliesi 26, Prato 59100 Italy

The Monash University Centre is located in the historic centre of Prato, a 20 minute trip from central Florence, and 15 minutes from the Florence international airport. The Monash Centre in Prato occupies the first floor and part of the ground floor of an 18th century palazzo, named Palazzo Vaj after the Vaj family who were the original owners.



*And above all rose the voice
of the clever lady, crying:
"Prato! They must go to Prato."*

(A Room With A View, E.M. Forster, 1908)

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 October Optional Workshops and Welcome Reception

There will be a choice of workshops presented by the keynote speakers on the two days before the conference commences with its Welcome Reception in the early evening on Wednesday.

Thursday 14 and Friday 15 October Conference and Dinner

The conference will comprise plenary and parallel sessions consisting of keynote and invited addresses and papers, brief presentations, clinical teach-ins and mini-workshops. The Conference Dinner will take place on the Thursday evening.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

A **Welcome Reception** will be held on the terrace of the Monash University Prato Centre from 5.30-7.00pm on the evening preceding the conference (Wednesday 13 October).

Delegates will enjoy the stunning surroundings of the Villa Medicea 'La Ferdinanda' at Artimino for the **Conference Dinner** on Thursday 14 October. Ferdinando I De' Medici took residency of this magnificent villa with his whole court in 1594. Today, the villa provides a tranquil setting and superb catering for special functions. Delegates will be transported from the Monash University Prato Centre to the venue via bus.

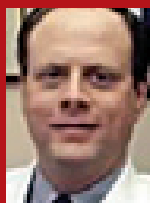
ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Touring options will be available in Prato and surrounding areas.

RANZCP CPD PROGRAM

Participants in the RANZCP CPD Program may include hours spent in this activity as part of their 2010 CPD program. Evidence of attendance should be retained for use in the case of an Audit of Claim.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Marc Feldman

Marc D. Feldman, M.D. is Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Adjunct Professor of Psychology, the University of Alabama (UA), Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was formerly Vice Chair for Clinical Services at the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB) and Medical Director of UAB's Center for Psychiatric

Medicine. A Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, he is the author of 100 peer-reviewed, published articles and book chapters in the professional literature. Dr. Feldman is an international expert in Munchausen syndrome, Munchausen by proxy, and malingering, and his credits include the following four books:

- Feldman MD, Ford CV. *Patient or Pretender: Inside the Strange World of Factitious Disorders*, New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1994
- Feldman MD, Eisendrath SJ (eds). *The Spectrum of Factitious Disorders*, Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press, Inc., 1996
- Feldman MD, Feldman JM. *Stranger Than Fiction: When Our Minds Betray Us*, Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press, Inc., 1998
- Feldman MD. *Playing Sick: Untangling the Web of Factitious Disorder, Munchausen Syndrome, Munchausen by Proxy, and Malingering*, New York: Routledge Press, 2004



Tony Maden

Professor Maden is a forensic psychiatrist with a particular interest in violence risk assessment and the treatment of personality disorder. He trained at the Maudsley Hospital and the Institute of Psychiatry where he worked on national surveys of mental disorder in prisoners. He was an honorary consultant at the Bethlem

Hospital and clinical director of forensic services at the Maudsley. He was appointed in 1999 to be professor of forensic psychiatry at Imperial College London and he is also clinical director of the Specialist Personality Disorder Directorate at Broadmoor Hospital. He is a strong advocate of the structured clinical assessment of violence risk and has argued that psychiatrists in the UK need to catch up with their counterparts in Canada and other parts of the world in making full use of this approach. His book *Treating Violence* was published by Oxford University Press in 2007.



Douglas Mossman

Dr. Mossman is Director of the Glenn M. Weaver Institute of Law and Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the UC College of Medicine.

Dr. Mossman has authored more than 120 publications on legal and ethical issues, medical decision-making, violence prediction, statistics, and psychiatric treatment. His *Critique of Pure Risk Assessment or, Kant Meets Tarasoff* led to his receiving the

American Psychiatric Association's 2008 Manfred S. Guttmacher Award for outstanding contributions to the literature on forensic psychiatry. More than 300 scientific and legal publications have cited Dr. Mossman's 1994 article, *Assessing Predictions of Violence: Being Accurate About Accuracy*. His recent scholarly projects investigate predicting violence, sex offender recidivism, competence to stand trial, competence to divorce, and legal issues related to novel antipsychotic drugs. Dr. Mossman writes the *Malpractice Rx* column for *Current Psychiatry*, and he has served as a reviewer for more than 20 publication entities.

Dr. Mossman's professional career combines medical practice with research, writing, and academics. His current faculty duties include teaching psychiatry residents and law students, and lecturing to physicians and attorneys about mental disabilities and the law. Dr. Mossman's clinical practice focuses on evaluating adults and children who are involved in legal proceedings. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and is listed in "Best Doctors in America." He is a former councilor of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law and past-president of the Midwest Chapter of AAPL.

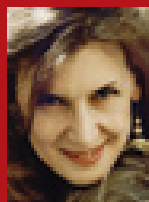


Paul Mullen

Professor Mullen is Professor Emeritus at Monash University, Melbourne and Visiting Professor to the Institute of Psychiatry, London. He was formerly Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, Monash University and Clinical Director, Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health.

Professor Mullen has been in psychiatry and neurology for over 40 years acquiring an extensive clinical and research background. His research interests include the relationship between mental disorder and criminal behaviour, stalking, the long term

impact of childhood sexual abuse, jealousy, threats and threateners, and litigious and chronic complainers. He has published over 180 articles in refereed journals, co-authored four books and contributed over 40 chapters in books, including chapters in both of the standard British textbooks on forensic psychiatry. He is a highly sought-after speaker, and has given invited addresses on his research around the world.



Pamela Taylor

Pamela Taylor trained at Guy's & King's College Hospital Medical Schools, University of Vermont, USA, and the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP), King's College, London. She is a Royal College of Psychiatrists' Gaskell Gold medal holder. She was Head of Medical Services for the Special Hospitals' Service Authority 1990-5, Professor of Special Hospital Psychiatry, IoP 1996-2004, and on the Inner London Probation Board 1992-2002. She is currently Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, School of Medicine, Cardiff University, Visiting Professor at the IoP, Forensic Psychiatry Advisor to the

CMO of the Welsh Assembly Government, and a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. She co-chairs an international research group, SWANZDSAJCS, and chairs the Offender Health Research Network-Cymru. She edits the journal *Criminal Behaviour & Mental Health* and the textbook *Forensic Psychiatry: Clinical, Legal and Ethical Issues* (1Ed 1993; 2Ed 2009, with John Gunn). Other books: *Violence in Society* (1993), *Couples in Care & Custody* (1999) (with Tom Swan), *Personality Disorder & Serious Offending* (2006) (with Chris Newirth & Clive Meux).

INVITATION TO ATTEND

If you wish to be included in the mailing list to receive the advance program and registration brochure, please email us at: info@conorg.com.au (including "Prato 2010" in the subject line and your postal address in the body of the email) or complete the following and return to:

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FIRST & FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Abstracts are invited with possible themes including, but not limited to, the following:

- Factitious disorders in forensic settings
- Malingering and deception: identification and evaluation
- Malingering and deception in family law and in civil and criminal matters
- Malingering and deception across the age spectrum - in children, adolescents and the elderly
- Malingered symptoms: psychosis, cognitive disorders, neuropsychological disorder, pain, post-traumatic stress disorder
- Substance abuse and malingering
- Risk assessment
- Risk evaluation in preventive detention for sex offenders
- Ethics in forensic evaluations
- Error in medico-legal assessments and consequences of error
- Being a detective: the boundaries of forensic evaluation
- Phenomenology in forensic evaluation
- Epistemology in forensic psychiatry

Possible formats are as follows:

- Papers (30 minutes including 10 minutes for questions/discussion)
- Brief presentations (10 minutes)
- Symposia (90 minutes including 3 or 4 related papers)
- Clinical teach-in sessions (90-minute sessions with a clinical case focus)
- Workshops (90-minute or half-day sessions)



A template for abstracts can be downloaded from the conference website: <http://forensic2010.conorg.com.au>

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by email to: info@conorg.com.au

**or on a CD to: Forensic Conference
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AUSTRALIA**

Confirmation of receipt of abstracts will be emailed within 48 hours; if you do not receive this confirmation, please contact us.

Please Note:

Presentation of accepted abstracts is contingent on registration for the conference; persons whose abstracts are accepted will be required to register at least 2 months prior to the conference in order for their presentation to appear on the final program.

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