



The Mental Health Services Conference Inc.  
Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Sydney Australia  
14 – 17 September 2010

## 20 years strong: and now a renaissance

**Come to TheMHS 20<sup>th</sup> annual conference** to experience an exciting mental health conference for everyone who is involved in, or cares about mental health and wellbeing.

**Renaissance** is a rebirth. It entails **reflecting on the past so that we can look forward with fresh eyes**. We can determine what has worked and what hasn't and set about ensuring that we build on the strengths of the past. Now is the time to revitalise mental health services through questioning policies and practices and implementing those that are effective. As each generation takes its place at the 'reform table', service providers, policy makers, consumers and carers and all other stakeholders seek to raise issues and pose questions from their individual perspectives. This conference provides an opportunity for all involved in mental health services to come together to discuss ideas, clarify thoughts, listen to and learn from others and to explore possibilities for the future.

**Keynote speakers** include: Alain Topor (Sweden), Leonie Manns (Aust), Anthony Mancini (USA), Derrick Silove (Aust), Peppe Dell'Acqua (Italy)

**Conference speakers include:** Cheryl Kernot, (Uni of NSW); Senator Ursula Stephens (Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and Volunteering), Professor Patrick McGorry (Australian of the Year), Professor John Mendoza, Professor Jim Bishop (Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer), Virginia Hart (Ass Secretary, Professor Gavin Andrews (CRUFAD - NSW), Elizabeth Fudge (COPMI - SA), Kerry Graham (Inspire - NSW) and Martin Patfield (Greater West Area Health Service, NSW), Toby Hall (CEO, Mission Australia), Phil Nadin (CEO, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Aust.), Joanna Jaaniste (Dramatherapy), Maree Brogden (Art Psychotherapy), Patricia Watts, Patricia Casben (Music Therapy), Adrian Lania (Dramatherapy), A/Prof Philip Ward (UNSW), A/Prof Murat Yucel (Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre/Orygen), Prof Ma-Li Wong (John Curtin School of Medical Research), Adam Guastella (BMRI, Uni Sydney), Daniel Nicholls (UWS), Regina Osten (NSW MHDAO), Prof Brian Kelly (CRRMH, Uni Newcastle), Neda Dusevic (InforMH) & Roy Laube (Transcultural Mental Health Centre), and Senator Claire Moore will present the Achievement Awards.

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### **TheMHS Film Festival**

In keeping with the strong transcultural content within the conference two Italian films will be shown. The first film on Tuesday evening is called: It Can Be Done (Si Può Fare). The second to be shown over 2 nights is called: In the City of the Mad (C'era Una Volta nella Città dei Matti). Both films are about emancipation from psychiatric institutions – fuller details are available on TheMHS website. Both are subtitled in English. Highly recommended! Finger food and soft drinks will be available prior to the film. There will be some time for discussion after the showing of the films.

**14 September 2010: Tuesday at 6.30pm – It Can Be Done**

**15 September 2010: Wednesday at 7.00pm – In the City of the Mad, Part 1**

**16 September 2010: Thursday at 6.00pm – In the City of the Mad, Part 2**

The films will be introduced by Peppe Dell'Acqua, psychiatrist and mental health consultant to the second film.