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TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2005 – PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

**EARLY RECOGNITION OF PSYCHOSIS:
WHAT'S NEW IN OUTCOME MEASUREMENT?**

This year we are pleased to announce that Dr Joseph Ventura, from University of California, Los Angeles, will undertake this annual TheMHS workshop. Dr Ventura is an engaging speaker bringing many years of experience in the treatment, assessment and measurement of mental disorders, specifically psychotic disorders. He will be teaching the most recent assessment of cognitive functioning in schizophrenia.

This workshop is important to all individuals involved in the care of people with schizophrenia and related disorders, particularly including early intervention in psychosis. Participants will be told of the latest research on the impact of schizophrenia on cognitive functioning. As we focus interventions on younger people it is of crucial importance that we understand the impact of schizophrenia and assessing this impact so that we may best treat and enable recovery. Schizophrenia impacts on cognitive functioning. Understanding and addressing this will become a new and important area of care in the future. Participants will gain the skills required for assessment of such impacts. No previous experience with such assessment is required. This is a very special opportunity to be at the forefront of addressing this crucial, but neglected area of schizophrenia.

Chair: Tom Trauer, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne, and Monash University, Melbourne.