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## **Curriculum Vitae**

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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

1977	Degree in Medicine and Surgery, University of Padua, Italy
1981	Degree in Psychiatry, University of Padua, Italy
1988	PhD degree, in Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Leiden, The Netherlands (promoters Profs. M. Hengeveld and R.F.W. Diekstra); dissertation entitled "Sunset Depression".
2002	Fellow of the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Psychiatry
2007	<b>Doctor of Science, Griffith University</b>

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**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

1978	Study period in Palo Alto, USA, and stage with Prof. Paul Watzlavick on the Pragmatics of Human Communication.
1980-1986	Personal psychoanalytic training with a full member of the Italian Psychoanalytic Association.
1987	Stage at the Life Crisis Institute of the Northeastern University of Boston, USA.

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**CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS**

1979-1980	Military service as a medical doctor (lieutenant) and Director of the Health Service of the "Silvestri" barracks in Rovigo.
1980-2000	'Medico Interno' and 'Ricercatore Confermato', Psychiatric Clinic, University of Padua

1981-1982	Assistant Professor at the Department of Clinical Psychiatry of the University Hospital of Padua, Italy
1986-1988	Coordinator of the newly established Psychogeriatric Unit, Padua Geriatric Hospital.
1989-1991	Director, epidemiologic centre on suicidal behaviours. Local Health Unit 16, Padua.
1989-1998	Director of the Psychogeriatric Service of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Padua. This was the first official psychogeriatric service in Italy.
1992-1998	Head of the Suicidology Unit, University of Padua. This was the first unit of this type in Italy.
1999-2000	Supervisor of Psychotherapies, Department of Psychiatry, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia.
1999-2011	Visiting Medical Officer, Gold Coast Integrated Mental Health Service and Acute Care Team.
2000-2004	Main consultant in Psychogeriatrics, Behavioural Support Unit, Gold Coast Hospital, Australia.
2004-2015	Director, Life Promotion Clinic, AISRAP, Griffith University, Australia. This was the first clinical service specifically dedicated to suicidal individuals in the world.

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#### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

1982-1984	"Cultore della Materia" in the teaching of Dynamic Psychology at the Department of Psychology, University of Padua.
1984-1986	Lecturer, Medical Psychology and Psychiatry, undergraduate course, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Padua.
1983-1990	Member of the Clinical Psychiatry Examination Board, and Substitute Member in the Psychopathology Board.

1983-1998	Lecturer in Psychogeriatrics, Specialty School of Geriatrics, University of Padua.
1985-1986	Lecturership in Psychogeriatrics at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Padua.
1985-1998	Lecturer in Clinical Psychopharmacology at the Specialty School of Psychiatry, University of Padua.
1987-1989	Appointed by the Veneto Regional Authority to give a three-year course for social and health workers on "Psychology of the Elderly".
1988-1998	Research Assistant ('Ricercatore Confermato') at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Padua (with legal validity from 1980).
1991-1998	Lecturer in Mental Hygiene (3rd Year of the Speciality School of Psychiatry) and Neuropsychogeriatrics (4th Year of the same school) and in Algologic Elements of Psychology and Psychiatry (Speciality School in Anaesthetics and Resuscitation).
1991-1998	Supplant Professor ('Professore Supplente') for the undergraduate course in Clinical Psychiatry at the University of Padua, responsible for Channel B (M-Z).
1994-1998	Guest Professor at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands), Department of Clinical Health Psychology, in "Psychopathology of the Ageing Person" and "Psychopathology" (one course per year).
1995-1998	Lecturer in Psychiatry for the integrated course "Neurological Sciences", University Diploma in Logopaedics, University of Padua.
1996-1998	Lecturer in "Principles of Neuropsychiatry", University Diploma for Orthopticians and Ophthalmological Assistants, University of Padua.
1997-1998	Lecturer in "Theories and Techniques of Psychological Testing" at the Speciality School of Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Padua.
1998-2004	Full Professor of Psychopathology and Suicidology, and Director, Australian Institute for Research and Prevention, Griffith University, Brisbane.
2000-ongoing	Honorary Professor of Psychiatry, University of Queensland.
2001-2016	Convenor, post-graduate courses (2001-Certificate, 2003-Master and Master with Honours in Suicidology), Griffith University, Brisbane. These post-graduate courses were the first of this kind in the world.

2001-2015	Convenor, training workshops in suicide prevention (officially accredited since 2002).
2005-2015	Full Professor of Psychiatry, Griffith University and Director, Australian Institute for Research and Prevention, Griffith University, Brisbane.
2009-ongoing	Faculty Affiliate, University of West Virginia, Department of Community Medicine (USA).
2010-ongoing	Full Professor, University of Primorska, Slovenia, and Director, Slovene Centre for Suicide Research.
2015-ongoing	Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry, Griffith University, Australia.
2015-ongoing	Director, Department of Psychology, University of Primorska, Slovenia.

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**MEMBERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BODIES, WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES.**

1987-1989	Coordinator for the Paduan centre in a nationwide study under the auspices of the Mario Negri Institute, Milan, on Alzheimer's Disease and for a multicentre study in the Veneto Region for Sigma-Tau Spa regarding the same problem.
1988-2001	Head of the Padua center in the WHO/EURO Multicentre Study on Parasuicide. Since 1991, he has been a member of the project Steering Group.
1988-1990	Member of the Scientific Committee ('Commissione Culturale') of the College of Physicians ( <i>Ordine dei Medici</i> ), Province of Padua.
1988-1990	Founder and Member of the Italian group for the Study of Self-Sufficiency in the Elderly, whose membership included scholars from Rome (Prof. Trabucchi), Milan (Dr. Spagnoli), Turin (Prof. Fabbri and Dr. Pernigotti), Brescia (Dr. Rozzini) and Padua (Dr. De Leo)

1988-1998	Member of the Scientific Committee of the Regional Centre of Higher Studies in Medical Psychotherapy based at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Padua.
1988-1999	World Health Organization Advisor for the following projects: "PEQOL: Package for the Evaluation of the Quality of Life in the Elderly" (co-leader with Prof. David Jenkins, USA); "LEIPAD: Construction of a Questionnaire for the Assessment of Subjective Wellbeing in the Elderly" (co-leader with Prof. René F.W. Diekstra, The Netherlands); WHOQOL: Project to Develop a Health Related Quality of Life Instrument" (leader Dr. J. Orley); "Quality Assurance Indicators for Mental Health Care" (leader Dr. M. Danzon).
1988-1998	Member of the Departmental Research Council, University of Padua.
1991-2001	Member of the Steering Group of the WHO/EURO Multicentre Study on Parasuicide, and Responsible for the Mediterranean area.
1993-1994	Member of the National Ministerial Committee on Psychiatry, and Responsible for the "Psychiatry in Old Age" branch. Signatory of the Italian Government Project "Mental Health Protection, 1994-1996".
1996-1999	Member of the WHO Working Group (Geneva) for the validation of WHO data on suicide and parasuicide.
1996-2000	Member of the Scientific Committee of the "Alvise Cornaro" Foundation, Italy, for supporting and promoting study and research into human aging.
1996-ongoing	Member of the International Consulting Board of "C.R.I.S.E." (Centre for Research and Intervention on Suicide and Euthanasia), Montréal, Canada.
1996-2001	President of the selection committee of the international prize "Stengel Award", International Association for Suicide Prevention, and Chairman of all the IASP prizes (Stengel, Ringel, and Farberow).
1996-2001	President of the selection committee of the international "Career Award", International Academy for Suicide Research.
1997-2001	Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention of Padua, Italy (inaugurated 8.5.1998). This WHO CC was the first in the world in the suicide field.
1997-2002	Director of the Section on Suicide Research and Prevention, Italian College of Psychiatrists.
1999-2019	'Genuine Researcher' and Director, Queensland Suicide Register (QSR)
1999-ongoing	Principal Advisor, WHO Global Network on Suicide Prevention.

2000–2004	Member, WHO/EURO (Copenhagen) Task Force on Depression and Stress-Related Disorders
2001–2004	Steering Group Member, WHO/EURO Network on Suicide Prevention and Research
2001-ongoing	International Advisor of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Suicide Research Centre.
2002-ongoing	International Advisor of the Beijing Suicide Research Centre.
2001-2002	Expert Assessor, New Zealand National Health Institute, Medical Research Branch
2002	Expert Assessor, New Zealand Ministry of Health.
2003-2004	Expert Assessor of International Standing of the Australian Research Council
2003	Expert Assessor, Western Australia Ministry of Health
2004-2010	Founder and Member, Network for International Collaboration on Evidence – Suicide Prevention (NICE-SP)
2005-2015	Griffith Research Committee member
2005-2016	Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Research and Training in Suicide Prevention. Prof De Leo is one of the few scientists appointed as Director of two WHO CC in different countries (Italy and Australia).
2006	Member of the Official Delegation of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing visiting governmental mental health institutions in Japan (24-28 October).
2009-2015	Founder and Member, National Committee on Standardisation of Reporting on Suicide, Australia.
2009-Ongoing	Consultant, World Health Organization Mental Health Gap Action Program (mhGAP), Geneva, Switzerland.
2012	Expert Advisor, WHO Delegation (Dr. S. Saxena, head of mission) visiting the National Mental Health Institute, Tokyo, Japan.



2013	International Panel Member on the appointment of the Chair of Social Sciences, University of Hong Kong.
2012-2013	Member, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatry, Working Group on Self-Harm Guidelines of Treatment.
2012-2013	Ombudsman of Australia, Steering Committee Member on Suicide and self-harm prevention strategies across the Australian Immigration Detention Network.
2016-ongoing	Director Emeritus, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention, Brisbane, Australia.
2017-ongoing	Board Member, Alvise Cornaro Foundation for Successful Aging, Italy.

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### ***CONSULTANCY APPOINTMENTS***

1980-1996	Technical Consultant to the Rovigo and Padua Courts.
1991-1998	Consultant at the Alzheimer Clinic of the Fatebenefratelli Institute in Brescia, Italy.
1998-1999	Member, Queensland Youth Future Focus Network.
1998-2000	Member, Reference Group For the Evaluation and Monitoring of the Strategy of Preventing Suicide in Youth (Queensland Government).
2000-2002	Chair, Community and Expert Forum, National Advisory Board on Suicide Prevention, Commonwealth.
2001-2004	Member of the Reference Group, Commonwealth of Queensland, Suicide Prevention Strategy.
2001-2004	Member, Princess Alexandra District Advisory Council
2001-2004	Member, Policy Evaluation Group, Commonwealth of Queensland Suicide Prevention Strategy
2001-2015	Member, Policy Evaluation Group, National Advisory Group on Suicide Prevention, Commonwealth of Australia

2001-2009	Honorary President (medical), Alzheimer Association, Gold Coast, Australia.
2002-2015	Board Member, National Advisory Council for Suicide Prevention, Commonwealth of Australia.
2004-2011	Chair, Board of Advisors, Queensland Suicide Prevention Strategy, QLD Health.
2004-2015	Member, Queensland Police Special Investigator Experts Group
2003-2005	"International Expert", American Association of Suicidology.
2004-2005	Reviewer, New Zealand National Strategy on Suicide Prevention.
2004-2005	Brisbane City Council, Committee on the Story Bridge Fencing.
2005-2006	Queensland Rail, Consultant on Safety Issues
2005	Reviewer, Malaysia National Plan on Suicide Prevention
2005-2010	Steering Group Member, Queensland Government Suicide Prevention Strategy
2006-2015	Multicultural Mental Health Australia, Consortium Advisor
2006-2007	Reviewer, Irish National Plan on Suicide Prevention
2007	Reviewer, Research Committee, c/o Research Grants Office, City University of Hong Kong
2007	Reviewer, Food and Health Bureau (FHB) of the Hong Kong SAR Government.
2008-2010	Beyondblue, the National Depression Initiative, Clinical Reference Council Member, Australia.
2009-2013	Kosovo Suicide Prevention National Plan, special consultant.
2009-2014	Queensland Government Mental Health Research Group, Panel Member.
2009-2015	Chair, Commonwealth Australian Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, on data and project evaluation.
2010-ongoing	American Army, Special Military Consortium on Suicide Prevention.

2010-ongoing	Department of Psychiatry, Rovigo General Hospital, Italy, Advisor on suicide prevention practices and research.
2011	National Research Council of Serbia, Health: Reviewer of applications.
2011-2013	National Institute of Health, Bethesda, USA: member of the 'International Committee on Establishing Priorities in Suicide Prevention' for the US Government.
2012	Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Belgium: Reviewer of applications.
2012	National Health Research Council of New Zealand: Reviewer of applications.
2013	Expert Assessor, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada: (appointment of candidates to the post of Associate Professor of Psychiatry).
2013	Expert Assessor, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, China (appointment of candidates to the role of Chair Professor).
2013-ongoing	Co-Founder and Chair of the Board, Postvention Australia.
2013	International Advisor, internal promotions, University of California, Riverside.
2013-2015	Chair of the Scientific Committee, World Alliance of Crisis Helplines (WACH)
2013-ongoing	Chair, International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) Task Force on the Creation of an Internationally Applicable Nomenclature on Suicide Related Phenomena
2017-ongoing	Board Member, Alvise Cornaro, Centre for the Study of the Aging Process, Padua
2018	Reviewer for the National Research Foundation, South Africa: applicant NHS
2019	Nanzan University, Japan: International Expert for Australia on the study of correlation between social norms and international suicide rates.
2019	Senior Research Advisor, InnoRenew Centre of Excellence, Slovenia

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## EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

1991-1998	Founder and Editor in Chief of the <i>Italian Journal of Suicidology</i> , and <i>Quaderni di Psicoterapia</i> , co-editor in chief with Profs. Pavan and Santonastaso.
1991-2003	Editorial board member of the Italian journals <i>Medicina Psicosomatica</i> and " <i>Senior</i> ".
1991-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of the international journal <i>Crisis</i> (Germany).
1994-ongoing	Founder and Member of the Editorial Board of <i>Archives of Suicide Research</i> (USA).
1994-2015	Regional Editor of the Journal <i>Behavioral Medicine</i> (USA).
1996-2000	Columnist for the journal <i>Crisis</i> .
1998-2015	Regional Editor for Italy/Australia of the <i>International Psychogeriatric Association Bulletin</i>
1998-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of <i>Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior</i> (USA)
1999-2005	Editorial Board Member of the journal <i>Demenze</i> (Italy)
2002-2009	Book Reviews editor, <i>Archives of Suicide Research</i> (USA).
2003-2005	Co-Editor in Chief of the <i>Bulletin of the Section of Suicidology</i> , World Psychiatric Association (USA).
2003-2008	Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Journal <i>Crisis</i> (Germany).
2004-2015	Editorial Board Member of the <i>Journal of Affective Disorders</i> (UK).
2005-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of the Journal <i>Aging, Clinical and Experimental Research</i> (Italy).
2005-ongoing	Editorial Advisory Board Member of <i>Advancing Suicide Prevention</i> (USA).

2008-2017	Editor in Chief of <i>Crisis</i> , The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, published under the auspices of the International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP).
2008-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Open Journal of Geriatric Medicine</i> (USA).
2008-2018	Founder and Director, <i>Suicide Research: Selected Readings</i> , a bi-annual publication funded by the Department of Health, Commonwealth of Australia.
2009-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Shanghai Archives of Psychiatry</i> , now renamed as <i>General Psychiatry</i> (China).
2010-ongoing	Associate Editor, <i>BMC Public Health</i> (UK).
2010-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Suicidology Online</i> (Austria).
2010-2014	Editorial Board Member, <i>Diversit-e</i> (Australia)
2011-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Case Reports in Psychiatry</i> (USA)
2010-2012	Editorial Board Member, <i>Open Journal of Medical Psychology</i> (USA)
2012-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>World Journal of Psychiatry</i> (China)
2013-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Child and Adolescent Behavior</i> (USA)
2014-ongoing	Editorial Committee, <i>SafetyLit</i> (USA)
2015-ongoing	International Advisory Board Member, <i>International Journal of Social Psychiatry</i> (UK)
2017-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Psicogeriatría</i> .
2018	Editor Emeritus, <i>Crisis</i> , The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, published under the auspices of the International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP).
2018-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Suicide Prevention</i> (Iran)
2019-ongoing	Editorial Board Member, <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> (Switzerland)

## REVIEWER

**For the books** of the publishing house Kluwer Academic Publisher (The Netherlands), Jessica Kingsley (UK), Routledge (USA), Wiley (UK), Oxford University Press (UK), Hogrefe/Huber (Germany), Australian Academic Press (AU).

### **For the international journals:**

Aging, Clinical and Experimental Research (28 papers)  
Addiction (1 paper)  
American Journal of Preventive Medicine (2 papers)  
American Journal of Psychiatry (3 papers)  
Archives of General Psychiatry (5 paper)  
Archives of Suicide Research (32 papers)  
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry (30 papers)  
Australian Journal of Primary Health (2 papers)  
Behavioral Medicine (33 papers, **Regional Editor until 2014 – 20 years**)  
BMC Public Health (20 papers, **Associate Editor**)  
BMC Psychiatry (5 papers)  
British Journal of Psychiatry (14 papers)  
British Medical Journal (3 papers)  
British Medical Journal Open (5 papers)  
Canadian Journal of Psychiatry (3 paper)  
Case Reports in Psychiatry (25 papers)  
Comprehensive Psychiatry (1 paper)  
Crisis (40 papers, before becoming **Editor in Chief**)  
European Psychiatry (3 papers)  
Gender Medicine (1 paper)  
International Psychogeriatrics (7 papers)  
International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine (3 papers)  
International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry (25 papers)  
Journal of Affective Disorders (51 papers)  
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health (4 papers)  
Journal of Men's Health (1 paper)  
Journal of Psychiatric Research (3 paper)  
Journal of Psychosomatic Research (1 paper)  
Journal of Urban Health (1 paper)  
Lancet (8 papers)  
Lancet Psychiatry (5 papers)  
Open Journal of Medical Psychology (6 papers)  
Open Journal of Geriatric Medicine (3 papers)  
Oxford Review of Education (3 paper)  
Pediatrics (1 paper)

Psichiatria Sociale ed Epidemiologia (6 papers)  
 Psychiatric Services (1 paper)  
 Psychological Medicine (7 papers)  
 Psychosomatics (4 papers)  
 Psychotherapy & Psychosomatics (2 papers)  
 Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology (17 papers)  
 Social Science and Medicine (2 papers)  
 Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior (29 papers)  
 Suicidology Online (1 paper)

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## **AWARDS**

1985	National award by ICI-Pharma of Italy for research on side-effects of viloxazine.
1991	Stengel Award, in Hamburg (Germany), awarded biannually for research of the highest standards in the field of suicidology, by the International Association for Suicide Prevention
1995	Awarded a Honorary Diploma by the University Psychiatric Hospital "Socola", Jasi, Romania.
1997	"Best paper" at the XIX World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (Adelaide, 23-27 March) "Suicidal Feelings in Community Dwelling Elderly".
1997	"Best poster" at the 1st Bologna International Meeting on Cognitive and Affective Disorders in the Elderly (Bologna, June 19-21, 1997) "Sexual feelings and sexual life in an Italian sample of 335 elderly 65 to 106-year-olds".
2000	AUSER Award (best research) in Psycogeriatrics, Bologna, Italy.
2004	"Love for Life Global Award", Taipei, Taiwan, 23.5.2004.
2005	Gold Medal "Italians in the World", Rovigo, Italy, 9.7.2005
2007	Life Research Award, Commonwealth of Australia and Suicide Prevention Australia, Melbourne, 9.9.2007

2007	Gold Medal from the Municipality of Padua, "to have honoured Padua and Italy with exceptionally distinguished work activities", Padua, 23.12.2007.
2008	Award from Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, Evaluation of Mental Health Service Provision.
2009	Finalist, Best Public Services in Mental Health, Queensland Government, Life Promotion Clinic, Brisbane, Australia.
2010	Best Poster" at the IASP Regional Congress in Brisbane, Australia ("Suicide in Immigrants, 1990-2006").
2011	Dublin Award, Career Research Award, American Association of Suicidology, Portland, Oregon, April.
2011	Podium Award, Best Presentation (\$500), Gold Coast Health Conference, December.
2012	Research Leadership Excellency Award (\$5,000), Griffith University, 29 November
2013	Queen Elizabeth II, on Australia Day, 26 January, conferred Prof de Leo the award of Officer of the Order of Australia "in recognition of his distinguished service to medicine in the field of psychiatry as a researcher and through the creation of national and international strategies for suicide prevention".
2014	Gold Medal for research contribution and internationalization of Primorska University, Slovenia.
2015	Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research Excellence Award to an Individual Senior Researcher who has made an Outstanding Contribution, Griffith University (\$5,000)
2015	Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research Excellence Award for Publication of the Year (Centre of Health Practice Innovation): O'Dwyer S, Moyle W, Zimmer-Gembeck M, De Leo D: Suicidal ideation in family carers of people with dementia: a pilot study. <i>Int J Geriatr Psychiatry</i> , 28, 1182-1188, 2013. (\$1,000).
2015	"Excellence in suicide Prevention – Lifetime Achievement", Life Awards, Suicide Prevention Australia, 22 May 2015, Sydney.



- 2015 Vice-Chancellor Research Excellence Award, Griffith University, 30 June, Gold Coast (\$7,500).
- 2015 **Suicide Prevention Australia has created the “Diego de Leo Opening Address”** on occasion of its National Congresses. The inaugural one was held by the Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency the Hon Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) at the National Congress in Hobart, Tasmania, 27 July 2015. On 23 July 2016, the National Children’s Commissioner, Megan Mitchell, delivered the Diego de Leo Opening Address in Canberra. In 2017, in Brisbane, Emeritus Prof Graham Martin AM, University of Queensland, gave the de Leo Opening Speech. In 2018, Emeritus Professor Robert Goldney AO, Adelaide University, provided the speech. In 2019, Former Prime Minister, Hon Julia Gillard, gave the speech.
- 2015 Honoured by the title of ‘Professor Emeritus’, Griffith University.
- 2016 Made a Honorary Member, Accademia dei Concordi, Rovigo
- 2017 “Doctor of the Month” (March), LinkedIn.
- 2017 Morselli Award winner, International Academy for Suicide Research, Las Vegas, USA, November.

*Prof. De Leo is listed in the WHO’S WHO in the World( Marquis) (General and Medicine) since 1998, and in the Dictionary of International Biography (Cambridge) since 1999.*

*Prof. De Leo is listed in the WHO’S WHO of Australia (since 2014).*

*Following Research Gate, in **November 2016** with 244 quotations, Prof. De Leo was **the most cited scholar from Australia**.*

*As per today, **27 December 2019**, Prof De Leo presents these metrics:*

*Google Scholar: H-Index 82; 66,399 citations*

*SCOPUS: H-Index 63; 41,607 citations (over 420 papers)*

*PubMed 399 papers*

*For a number of years, now, Prof De Leo has been one of the Griffith University’s Health Faculty Top Scorers in terms of publication outcomes and total amount of grants obtained. During his career he has totaled funds above the amount of \$20 Million. The Table below is taken from the latest Staircase Report of Griffith University (November 2016).*

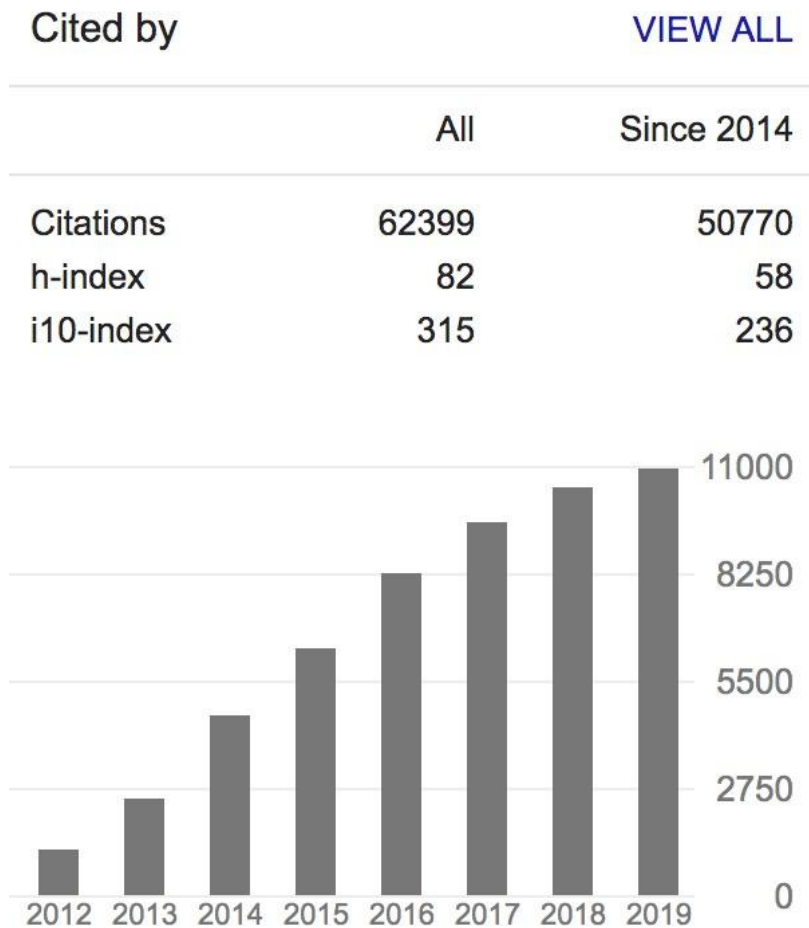
# Health Group

## External Research Income and HERDC Publications

(Sorted by Ten Highest Performing Researchers for 2015)

External Research Income					
NAME	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Scuffham,Paul Anthony	1,970,449	2,217,185	1,510,784	1,333,738	792,115
De Leo,Diego	977,205	1,172,952	742,828	581,668	921,296
Marshall-Gradisnik,Sonya Maree	932,831	1,334,049	733,340	125,874	
Sterling,Michele	906,770	849,234			
Connor,Martin James	836,153	474,685			
Staines,Donald Ross	626,582				
Chambers,Suzanne Kathleen	621,978	510,592	634,415	460,417	527,420
Rickard,Claire	475,205	316,464	281,713	219,119	233,283
Ivanovski,Saso	432,782	124,517	118,851	160,424	223,803
Moyle,Wendy	413,972	367,696	103,779	186,408	150,734
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,193,925</b>	<b>7,367,374</b>	<b>4,125,711</b>	<b>3,067,647</b>	<b>2,848,651</b>

HERDC Publications					
NAME	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
De Leo,Diego	6.09	8.97	10.51	6.00	7.07
McGrath,Pamela Della	5.98	5.08	3.78	5.45	1.75
Creed,Peter Alexander	5.70	2.95	3.08	2.53	2.12
Creedy,Debra Kay	5.14	3.73	2.36	1.08	2.08
Chaboyer,Wendy	5.14	3.96	6.02	6.75	2.07
Hil,Richard	5.00		1.00		
Ownsworth,Tamara	4.46	7.15	1.28	1.19	1.68
Chambers,Suzanne Kathleen	4.42	3.65	3.14	1.86	3.00
Ball,Lauren Elizabeth	4.26	2.37	2.23	1.08	
Scuffham,Paul Anthony	4.21	6.10	3.90	2.98	3.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>50.40</b>	<b>43.96</b>	<b>37.30</b>	<b>28.94</b>	<b>23.62</b>




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***SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS and HONORARY POSITIONS***

1985      Founding member of the **Italian Society for PsychoOncology** (National Research Council, Finalized Oncology Project, subproject no. 11).

1985-1999	Italian National Delegate of the <b>International Association for Suicide Prevention</b> ; 1987-1997: Vice President of the national representatives of the member countries.
1986	Co-founder of the <b>Italian Association for Suicide Prevention (AISPS)</b> .
1986-1992	Secretary General of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention.
1990	Co-founder of the <b>International Academy for Suicide Research</b> .
1990-1994	Secretary/Treasurer of the International Academy for Suicide Research.
1992-1999	President of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention.
1994-1998	President of the International Academy for Suicide Research.
1997-2001	Member of the Board of Directors of the <b>International Psychogeriatric Association</b> .
1997-2002	Member of the Board of the <b>Italian Psychiatric Association</b> .
1997-1999	Vice-President, <b>International Association for Suicide Prevention</b> .
1999-2001	President, International Association for Suicide Prevention.
2001-2003	President, International Association for Suicide Prevention.
2003-2005	Board Member (International Ambassador), <b>American Association of Suicidology</b>
2004-2007	President <b>ARIA-QLD</b> , Association for Research between Italy and Australasia (Queensland)
2006-2011	Board Member, <b>Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA)</b>
2006-ongoing	Board Member, <b>IASP-De Leo Fund</b>
2007-ongoing	President, <b>De Leo Fund Onlus</b> (Italy)
2011-ongoing	Honorary Member of the <b>World Suicidology Net</b> .
2013-ongoing	Chair of the Board, <b>Postvention Australia</b>
2014-2017	Chair of the College of Presidents, <b>International Association for Suicide Prevention</b> .

2017-ongoing	Vice-President, <b>Italian Psychogeriatric Association</b>
2019-ongoing	President, <b>World Alliance of Crisis Helplines (WACH)</b>

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***Other memberships:***

Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Psychiatry  
European Association of Psychiatry  
Italian Association of Psychiatry  
Italian Psychogeriatric Association  
International Psychogeriatric Association  
International Academy for Suicide Research  
International Association for Suicide Prevention  
American Association of Suicidology

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**CONGRESS AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION**

1987	1st National Congress of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention (10-11 October, Padua, Italy).
1988	1st International Symposium of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention (July 9th, Padua, Italy).
1989	2nd International Symposium of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention, (May, 26-28, Palermo, Italy).
1991	World Health Organization Workshop: The Future of Mental Health Research, (23-26 September, Padua, Italy).
1992	2nd National Congress of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention (30 October-1 November, Padua, Italy).

- 1995 XVIIIth Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) (4-8 June 1995, Venice, Italy), in conjunction with the IIIrd National Congress of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention.
- 1996 Symposium on Prevention of Suicide in the context of the European Congress of Psychiatry (with Prof. Rachel Jenkins, with a grant from the British Department of Health), 10 July, London.
- 1996 Symposium on Suicide in the Elderly, World Congress of Psychiatry, with Dr. Jane Pearson, under the auspices of the National Institute of Mental Health (USA), 26 August, Madrid.
- 1998 Symposium of Prevention of Suicide in the context of the European Congress of Psychiatry, September 20-24, Copenhagen.
- 1999 International Conference "Towards an Evidence-Based Suicide Management", 4th March, Brisbane, Australia.
- 1999 WHO Regional Meeting on SUPRE Campaign (attending countries: Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, Marshall Islands, Fiji, Samoa). NGOs attending: Befrienders International, International Association for Suicide Prevention, International Academy for Suicide Research, Brisbane, Australia, 30.9/2.10
- 2000 Scientific Session of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference, "Suicide Prevention - Everybody's Business, "Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA), 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- 2002 Member of the Organising Committee of the Annual Congress of the RANZCP, and responsible for the Sucidology Section, Brisbane, 27 April/1 May
- 2003 WHO Meeting of the Principal Investigators of the SUPRE-MISS project, Brisbane, 30.6/4.7, in conjunction with the National Advisory Council for Suicide Prevention.
- 2004 Australia-Japan Bi-Lateral Conference on Suicide Prevention Strategies, Melbourne, 24-26 November.
- 2006 Inaugural Ceremony of the Designation of the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention as WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention (3<sup>rd</sup> March).
- 2007 Symposium on Recent Advances in Suicide Research, 42<sup>nd</sup> Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Congress (30.4/3.5).

2009	"Working with Bereaved Persons", International course. Padua, Italy, 9-11 November
2010	4 <sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific IASP Regional Conference, Brisbane, 17-20 November
2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> International 'Triple I' Conference, Koper, Slovenia, 10-11 May
2013	"Assisting Bereaved Persons through Helplines", Intensive Course, 15-17 January, Padua, Italy
2013	4th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 9-10 May
2014	5th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 10-11 May
2015	6th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 1-2 June
2015	De Leo Fund-Telefono Amico, Conference on Tele-Assistance and Suicidal Behaviour, Padua, Italy, 11-12 September
2016	7th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 7-8 May
2016	Media Reporting on Suicide: Towards a Positive Impact, Padua, 10 September, Civic Museum, Romanino Hall
2016	Helping the Suicide Bereaved Persons, Palazzo dei Congressi, Abano Terme, 21 November
2017	8th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 1-2 June
2018	"EMDR and Traumatic Bereavement", Course for Professionals, Sala della Stanga, Padua, 18 Marzo
2018	9th International 'Triple I' Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 6-7 June
2018	"Managing Emergency Calls", International Course, Padua, 11-12 June, Cariparo Foundation.
2018	"Media Guidelines on Suicide News", Course for Media Professionals, Padua, 10 September, Sala degli Anziani, Mayor House.
2018	"Suicide in Custody", Public Conference, Padua, 10 September, Sala degli Anziani, Mayor House.
2018	"Nemica Solitudine", Sala dei Giganti, University of Padua, First National Congress on Loneliness, Italian psychogeriatric Association.

2019	10th International ‘Triple I’ Conference, Piran, Slovenia, 28-30 May
2019	National Meeting “Suicide: Towards New Prevention Strategies”, Padua, Mayor House, 10 September
2019	First Edition of the De Leo Fund Media Award (for Journalists of press, web, and radio/television), Padua, Mayor House, 10 September
2019	II <sup>nd</sup> National Conference “Nemica Solitudine” [Loneliness is the Enemy], Florence, Palazzo Vecchio- Teatro Odeon, 15-16 November.

*In addition, Professor De Leo has been responsible for the organization of the six seminars/year for the Life Promotion Clinic (Mt Gravatt campus) and the World Suicide Prevention Day (Brisbane) on 10<sup>th</sup> September of every year until October 2015, plus various courses and seminars for the Slovene Centre for Suicide Research and De Leo Fund.*

*Together with Prof. Ella Arensman (Ireland) and Prof. Jane Pirkis (Australia), Prof De Leo will be the President and Main Organiser of the next World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Gold Coast, Australia, 18-22 September 2021.*

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### **International Linkages**

A formal cooperation for research and postgraduate courses has been established between the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention (AISRAP) and the Centre pour la Recherche dans le Suicide et l’Euthanasie (CRISE), **Montreal**, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM). A similar agreement is in operation with the **Hong Kong** Jockey Club Suicide Research Centre, Hong Kong University. A formal agreement has been established with the **Beijing** Suicide Research Centre (Peking University) on 3rd November 2004. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in 2006 with the SNEHA of **Chennai** and with VHS Hospitals of India. A formal agreement also exists between AISRAP and the National Public Health Institute of **Oslo**, Norway (4 June, 2007). Another formal co-operation exists with the **Swedish-Estonian Research Institute** (2008), with the **Fondazione Zancan** (Padova, Italy) (2008) and with the **University of Padua** (2010). In 2012, a twinning has been signed between the **University of Primorska** (Slovenia) and Griffith University.



In July 2005 the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention has been designated as a **World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention**. The Centre has been re-appointed in 2009 for another four-year term and then again in 2013, and is a partner in the **Research Fellowship Project of WHO** to provide training in mental health and drug abuse to developing countries young researchers.

Under his IASP presidency, Professor De Leo was successful in creating a **World Day for Suicide Prevention**, under the auspices of WHO. For the first time in the history of the United Nations, this has been organised in occasion of the XXII Congress of the International association for Suicide Prevention, in Stockholm, 10th September 2003, and repeated with increasing popularity therein after.

Professor De Leo is also the ideator and initiator of the **WHO/SUPRE-MISS Project** (World Health Organisation/Suicide Prevention-Multisite Intervention Study on Suicide), the first study ever promoted and managed by WHO-Headquarters (Geneva) in suicidology. It involved both developed and developing countries. This study was firstly announced in Brisbane, within a Regional WHO Meeting organised by AISRAP, in 1999. The first results of the study have been presented in a WHO meeting in Brisbane, 30th June-4th July, 2003. This meeting was attended only by developing countries representatives (Brazil, China, Estonia, India, Iran, South Africa, Sri-Lanka,Vietnam), and Australia, which piloted the feasibility of the entire project.

Professor De Leo is also the ideator and initiator of the **WHO/START Study Project** (World Health Organisation/Suicide Trends in At-Risk Territories). The study was announced at WHO/WPRO in Manila on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and formally inaugurated on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 in Brisbane, Australia. This study presently involves twenty countries. On September 2012 the study was approved for extension to the six regions of the WHO.

Professor De Leo is the ideator of the Italian Day Against Loneliness, 25 November (Italian Psychogeriatric Association and other associations).

## *Service for the Community*

Prof. De Leo is a Rotarian: he started his service with Interact and Rotaract Memberships in Rovigo, Italy. He is presently a honorary member of the Wishart **Rotary Club** (QLD).

He has been an awarded member of the **Junior Chamber International**, Lom of Padua, for the years 1982-1992. In this context, he has been the ideator of the **Fair of the Historical Cars** (1983), an event that has become of international resonance and is organised on a yearly basis at the Fiera di Padova.

From 1994 to 1997 Prof. De Leo has acted as Advisor in the Board of the Petrarca **Fencing** Team (Padua), an association that generated a number of World and Olympic champions. Because of this liaison and his passion for this sport activity, he organised the logistics concerning the venue in Brisbane of the Italian Fencing Olympic Team in occasion of Sydney 2000.

Prof. De Leo, with the cooperation of all staff members of AISRAP, has promoted the constitution of Community Action for Preventing Suicide (**CAPS**), an association composed of members of the community who have an interest in pursuing the best practices in suicide prevention.

Professor De Leo has been the President of **ARIA-QLD**, an association that puts together scientists of Italian descent operating in Queensland in all possible domains. The association has been created by the Italian Embassy in order to promote the development of the Italian culture in Australia.


Prof. De Leo has been one of the Australian **Saggi** (=wise), which was also a group of people (n=20) (not all of Italian descent) appointed by the Italian Consulates to promote all sort of initiatives aimed at raising the profile of the Italian community and promoting the Italian culture in Australia.

Prof. De Leo was a Board Member of **Co.As.It.** (Italian-Australian Welfare Association) for the years 2001-2010. This agency, which receives support mainly from the Italian Government, encourages people of Italian origin to participate equally in Australian community life by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate welfare services. Co.As.It. is aimed to promote and extend the knowledge and learning of the Italian language and culture to the wider Australian society.

On 26 January 2013, Prof. De Leo has been awarded the title of **Officer of the Australia Order (AO)** “in recognition of his distinguished service to

medicine in the field of psychiatry, and for his efforts in developing national and international strategies for suicide prevention”.

Prof. Diego De Leo



#### **SUMMARY**

- Past-President of the International Association for Suicide Prevention
- Founder and Past-President of the International Academy for Suicide Research.
- Founder and Past-President of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention.
- Previous Member of Executive Board of the International Psychogeriatric Association.
- Previous Member of Executive Board of the Italian College of Psychiatrists.
- Founder and Previous Editor-in-chief of the Italian Journal of Suicidology
- Editor-in-Chief, *CRISIS*; Associate Editor of *BMC Public Health*; Regional Editor of *Behavioral Medicine*, and member of the editorial board of twelve international journals.
- Formerly Supplant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Padua, School of Medicine.
- Formerly Lecturer in the Speciality of Gerontology and Geriatrics (Psychology of the Ageing Person, Psychogeriatrics), University of Padua, School of Medicine.
- Formerly Lecturer in the Speciality of Psychiatry (Clinical Psychopharmacology, Mental Hygiene, Neuropsychogeriatrics), University of Padua, School of Medicine.
- Formerly Lecturer in the Speciality of Anesthetics and Resuscitation (Dolorologic Elements of Psychology and Psychiatry), University of Padua, School of Medicine.
- Formerly Lecturer in the University Diploma of Logopaedics (Psychiatry), University of Padua.
- Formerly Lecturer in the University Diploma for Orthopticians and Ophthalmological Assistants (Principles of Neuropsychiatry), University of Padua.

- Formerly Lecturer in the Specialty of Clinical Psychology (Theories and Techniques in Psychological Testing), Dept. Psychology, University of Padua.
- Founder and Former Director, Psychogeriatric Service, University of Padua
- Founder and Former Director, Suicidology Unit, University of Padua
- Winner, 1991 Stengel Award, Hamburg, Germany
- Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Australian Institute for Research and Prevention of Suicide, Griffith University
- Formerly Professor of Psychopathology of the Ageing Person, University of Leiden, the Netherlands.
- Former Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Suicide Prevention, Dept. Psychiatry, University of Padua, School of Medicine.
- Advisor and Member, WHO Global Network for Suicide Prevention and Research
- Ideator and Coordinator, WHO/SUPRE-MISS project
- Ideator and Coordinator, WHO/START Study
- Steering Group Member, WHO/EURO Network on Suicide Prevention and Research
- Member, WHO/EURO Network on Depression and Stress-Related Disorders
- Ideator and Main Promoter, WHO/IASP World Day on Suicide Prevention
- Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Suicide Prevention, Brisbane.
- Doctor of Science, Griffith University.
- Winner, 2007 Edition, Life Award, Research in Suicide, Commonwealth of Australia.
- Faculty Affiliate, University of West Virginia, USA.
- Winner, 2011 Dublin Research Award, Portland, USA.
- Professor & Director, Slovene Centre for Suicide Research, University of Primorska, Slovenia.
- Winner, 2012 Research Leadership Award, Griffith University,
- Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), 2013.
- Gold Medal, University of Primorska, Slovenia, 2014.
- Winner, 2015 Pro-Vice Chancellor Research Excellence Award, Griffith University,
- Winner, 2015 Research Excellence Award, Paper of the Year, Griffith University,
- Winner, 2015 Vice Chancellor Research Excellence Award, Griffith University
- The 'Diego de Leo Opening Lecture' in national congresses of Suicide Prevention Australia
- Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry
- Honorary Member, Accademia dei Concordi, Italy
- Director Emeritus, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Suicide Prevention, Brisbane.
- Winner, 2017 Morselli Award, Las Vegas (USA)
- Editor Emeritus, the journal *Crisis*.
- Ideator, *Italian National Day Against Loneliness, 2018*