

This Inaugural PACFA Conference will be a critical formative event launching the next phase of PACFA's development as the peak federation of counselling and psychotherapy professional associations in Australia.

The Conference will bring together key office holders and members of more than 40 Member Associations of PACFA, and interested professionals. The conference will provide a communal and scholarly forum for passionate discussion and thoughtful reflection on topical and controversial issues.

Some of these include:

- Exploring key clinical developments and evidence of effective practice
- Reviewing self-regulatory mechanisms
- Lobbying for health insurance rebates
- Gaining GST exemption status
- Considering the need for course accreditation
- Developing an effective communication strategy

The Conference Aims

To foster non-competitive, actively collaborative and mutually respectful relationships within the therapeutic community, as a contribution to the development of the profession, the good of the Australian community, and the promotion of credible and effective mental health services in the community.

To foster processes which encourage and maintain high standards of professional practice among members association through regular professional development and supervision and reflection on their practice.

To actively promote effective, just and honorable practice in our membership (and to actively discourage misleading, unjust or harmful practices in training and in the conduct of counselling and psychotherapy).

The PACFA Conference will be followed by the

PACFA AGM on August 24

Each MA sends 2 delegates to the PACFA Council and AGM. MAs may also request to send additional observers, particularly from their executive, subject to availability of space. Please contact PACFA Office if you wish to request attendance of an observer.



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**Psychotherapy & Counselling
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**Inaugural Conference of PACFA
Coming of Age: Advances in Australian
Psychotherapy and Counselling**

AUGUST 22 & 23 2003

**MELBOURNE TOWN HALL
CNR COLLINS & SWANSTON STREETS
MELBOURNE**

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Professor Sidney Bloch	University of Melbourne, St Vincent's Hospital
Anne-Louise Carlton	Victorian Dept. of Human Services
Jim Crawley	Private Practice Perth - Couples Therapist
Geraldine Doogue	ABC Media
Carmel Flaskas	University of New South Wales
Dr Ed Harari	Psychiatrist in Private Practice - Melbourne
Assoc. Prof Margot Schofield	University of New England, PACFA Executive Director,
Neville Symington	Renowned Psychoanalytic Author and Psychoanalyst
Beth Wilson	Victorian Health Services Commissioner

INVITED SPEAKERS

Assoc. Prof Suzanne Dean	Victoria University, Melbourne
Assoc. Prof Jan Grant	Curtin University, Perth
Phil Henry	Christian Counsellors Association, Perth
Sophie Holmes	Williams Road Family Therapy Centre, Chair PACFA Ethics Committee
Moshe Lang	Family Therapist Melbourne
David Leary	University of New England CAPA New South Wales
Dr Peter Love	Swinburne University, Melbourne
Dr Prasuna Reddy	University of Melbourne
Dr Miriam Tisher	Alma Road Family Therapy Centre Melbourne

ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Please consult the PACFA website for details on hotels and transport options during the conference.
www.pacfa.org.au

Call for Member Associations to present Abstracts for:

- Refereed papers – 20 minute presentations with 10 minutes discussion.
- Symposia – 10 minute contributions with groups of 4 or 5 people.
- Conversation topics for group discussions.

Organisational & Professional Themes:

- What is professional credibility and how is it established?
- Exploration of self-regulatory models for health professionals.
- Development and implementation of government supported Practitioner Complaints Procedures.
- Development of PACFA within the wider community of health practitioners.
- Education of the public about what credible counsellors and psychotherapists do, and required standards of training.
- Ethics Education and Excellence in clinical practice.

Clinical Themes:

- Developing excellence in the practice of counselling and psychotherapy - how do the different modalities approach this task?
- The Internet and counselling practice – how to develop and maintain a high standard in the quality of clinical practice in this new medium.
- Confidentiality and the quality of the therapeutic relationship in Individual, Couples and Family Therapy.
- 'Endings': how counselling and psychotherapeutic work can finish well.
- Mental health teams, collaboration between human services professionals and different modalities of therapeutic practice.

Abstract Forms available: www.pacfa.org.au

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO PACFA OFFICE

JULY 11, 2003

Please send Abstract and Abstract Submission Form to:

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PACFA CONFERENCE 2003 REGISTRATION FORM

Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Prof

Surname

First Name

PACFA Member Association (IF APPLICABLE)
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PACFA Register Number
(IF APPLICABLE)

Address

Postcode

Tel (BH) Tel (AH)

Fax Mobile

Email

Registration (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Rate	Reg Member	MA member	Non-Member
2 Day	\$330.00	\$360.00	\$390.00
1 Day	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$220.00

For single day registration, circle day attending:

August 22 August 23

Conference Dinner August 22

No. attending dinner @ \$40.00 = \$

Total fee payable \$

Payment: Cheque (please make payable to PACFA)

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