

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
Section of Psychotherapy

BI-NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Trauma, Mentalization and Dissociative Processes: Translating Theory into Practice.

Surfers Paradise
Crowne Plaza Hotel

30 October - 1 November, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS : 26 JUNE, 2009



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Charcot was often quoted by Freud as having said:
“Theory is good, but it doesn’t prevent things from existing.”
Charcot was the first person to use the word ‘dissociation’
in describing what he observed.

This gathering is an opportunity to examine the empirical phenomena mentioned in our conference’s title. Following on last year’s very popular conference we are inviting back those who attended for a follow-up of the subject at a more focused level, and hope to also welcome many newcomers. We are also reminded of the Bondi conference where we were introduced, as a group, to mentalisation and find ourselves familiar with the concept and in a position to be more discerning and critical of the connections between this and other themes. We look forward to meeting a clinician in Rich Chefetz who has held a profound interest in these and other arenas over some years. We look forward to an entertaining and clear-minded speaker who will stimulate us to link these theories together.

John Dickins (*Conference Convenor*)

on behalf of the Conference Committee:

Georgiana Antoce, Andrew Leggett, Michael Martin and Mark Spelman

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Richard A. Chefetz



Richard A. Chefetz, M.D. is a psychiatrist in private practice in Washington, D.C. He was President of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (2002-3), Founder and Chair of their Dissociative Disorders Psychotherapy Training Program, and a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at the William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis, and Psychology. He is a faculty member at the Washington School of Psychiatry’s Advanced Psychotherapy Training Program, the Institute of Contemporary Psychotherapy & Psychoanalysis, and the Washington Center for Psychoanalysis: New Directions in Psychoanalysis, and Modern Perspectives in Psychotherapy. He is also a Certified Consultant at the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, and is trained in Level I and II EMDR. Dr. Chefetz was editor of *“Dissociative Disorders: An Expanding Window into the Psychobiology of Mind”* for the Psychiatric Clinics of North America (March 2006), *“Neuroscientific and Therapeutic Advances in Dissociative Disorders”* Psychiatric Annals (August 2005), and *“Multimodal Treatment of Complex Dissociative Disorders,”* Psychoanalytic Inquiry (20:2, 2000), as well as numerous journal articles on psychoanalytic perspectives on trauma and dissociation. An affect theorist, he is currently at work on a book that shows how affect theory coherently links the world of traumatology and psychoanalysis.

HOST CITY

Surfers Paradise

Surfers Paradise has something for everyone! As one of Australia's leading tourist destinations, Surfers Paradise attracts millions of visitors each year from around the world to enjoy the crystal clear ocean, sandy beaches, championship golf courses and lush green hills of the surrounding Hinterland. A spectacular year-round climate, excellent restaurants catering for all tastes, great shopping and proximity to fantastic family entertainment theme parks makes Surfers a great place to work and play.

Conference Venue

Crowne Plaza Hotel. 2807 Gold Coast Hwy, Surfers Paradise.

Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise is a resort hotel nestled in a lush tropical setting with award winning restaurants, major shopping centres, entertainment and the beach all located within walking distance. The hotel offers two swimming pools with spas and sundeck set amongst tropical gardens, a full-size floodlit tennis court and a gymnasium.

Social Program

The social program will include a late afternoon reception on the Friday, and an optional dinner on the Saturday at Flames on the River.

Program Format

Dr Chefetz will conduct a three hour optional workshop on the Friday morning, on motivational systems.

Formal presentations are planned for Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning, and will include two keynote addresses by Dr Chefetz.

The Organising Committee is also hoping to organise an intimate supervision session for those just commencing their psychotherapy careers. This session would be open to basic training psychiatry registrars and those working in allied health fields who would be prepared to share their work, with informed consent, with up to seven other colleagues. The session would be supervised by an appropriately senior therapist.

RANZCP CPD Programme

Participants in the RANZCP CPD Program may include hours spent in this activity as part of their 2009 CPD program. Evidence of attendance should be retained for use in the case of an Audit of Claim.



Invitation to attend

If you are not a member of the RANZCP Section of Psychotherapy or a psychiatry trainee, and wish to be included in the mailing list to receive the advance program and registration brochure, please email us (including "Psychotherapy" in the subject line and your postal address in the body of the email) at: info@conorg.com.au

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First and Final Call for Abstracts

**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS:
FRIDAY 26 JUNE, 2009**

The Organising Committee invites all potential contributors to submit abstracts for papers (45 minutes including discussion). The closing date for submissions will be 26 June, 2009.

The Committee welcomes abstracts related to the conference theme, especially in the areas of normal and pathological attachment and affect/self development, the long-term effects of trauma and abuse, and dissociation.

Please note that the acceptance of papers is contingent on registration for the conference.

Please ensure that you comply with the following and forward no later than 26 June, 2009.

The abstract must be:

- typed in Microsoft Word
- no more than 300 words
- submitted by email as an attachment or by post on a CD (faxes will not be accepted)

Abstracts should include:

- Name of conference (“RANZCP Psychotherapy Conference”)
- Title of presentation
- Author/s name(s), with name of presenting author underlined
- Authors’ affiliations
- Main author’s address and contact details (postal and email addresses, phone and mobile numbers)

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