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Professor of Psychiatry
& Director,
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Curriculum Vitae

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List of Publications

2008

- 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.

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

- 1979-1980 Military service as a medical doctor (lieutenant) and Director of the Health Service of the "Silvestri" barracks in Rovigo.
- 1978-1990 Medical director of a private specialist organization [*Centro Medico Srl*].
- 1981-1982 Assistant Professor at the Department of Clinical Psychiatry of the University Hospital of Padua.
- 1986-1988 Coordinator of the newly established Psychogeriatric Unit, Padua Geriatric Hospital.
- 1989-1991 The local health department of Padua approved the establishment of an epidemiologic centre on suicidal behaviour under his direction.
- 1989-1998 Director of the Psychogeriatric Service of the Department of Psychiatry of the University of Padua.
- 1992-1998 Head of the Suicidology Unit, University of Padua.
- 1999-2000 Supervisor of Psychotherapies, Princess Alexandra Hospital.
- 1999-Ongoing Visiting Medical Officer, Gold Coast Integrated Mental Health Service.
- 2000-2004 Main consultant in Psychogeriatrics, Behavioural Support Unit, Gold Coast Hospital
- 2004-Ongoing Director, Life Promotion Clinic, AISRAP, Griffith University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 1982-1984 "Cultore della Materia" in the teaching of Dynamic Psychology at the Department of Psychology of the University of Padua.

- 1984-1986 Lecturer for the complementary course on Medical Psychology and Psychiatry for the undergraduate course at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Padua.
- 1983-1990 Member of the Clinical Psychiatry Examination Board and Substitute for the Psychopathology Board.
- 1983-1998 Lecturer in Psychogeriatrics at the Specialist School of Geriatrics of the University of Padua.
- 1985-1986 Lecturership in Psychogeriatrics at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Padua.
- 1985-1998 Lecturer in Clinical Psychopharmacology at the Specialist School of Psychiatry at the University of Padua.
- 1987-1989 Appointed by the Veneto Regional Authority to give a three-year course for specialist social and health workers on "The Psychology of the Elderly".
- 1988-1998 Researcher at the Department of Clinical Psychiatry of the University of Padua, with legal validity from 1980.
- 1991-1998 Lecturer in Mental Hygiene (3rd Year of the Specialist School of Psychiatry) and Neuropsychogeriatrics (4th Year of the same school) and Algologic Elements of Psychology and Psychiatry (Specialist School in Anaesthetics and Resuscitation).
- 1991-1998 Supplant Professor (full-time) 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" for the University Diploma in Logopaedics.
- 1996-1998 Lecturer in "Principles of Neuropsychiatry" for the University Diploma for Orthopticians and Ophthalmological Assistants.
- 1997-1998 Lecturer in Theories and Techniques in Psychological Testing at the Specialist School of Clinical Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Padua.
- 1998-2004 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-ongoing	Convenor, post-graduate courses (2001-Certificate, 2003-Master and Master with Honours in Suicidology), Griffith University, Brisbane
2001-ongoing	Convenor, training workshops in suicide prevention (since 2002 officially accredited)
2005-ongoing	Professor of Psychiatry, Griffith University and Director, Australian Institute for Research and Prevention, Griffith University, Brisbane.

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 collaborating center for the WHO/EURO Multicentre Study on Parasuicide. Since 1991, he has been a member of the project Steering Group.
1988-1990	Member of the Cultural Commission of the Medical Association of the Province of Padua.
1988-1990	Founder of the Italian group for the study of Self-sufficiency in the Elderly, whose membership included scholars from Rome, Milan, Turin, Brescia and Padua.
1988-1998	Member of the Scientific Commission 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"; "Quality Assurance Indicators for Mental Health Care" (WHO/EURO).
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 Commission for 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 for the validation of WHO data on suicide and parasuicide.
1996-ongoing	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, 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).
1997-2002	Director of the Section on Suicide Research and Prevention, Italian College of Psychiatrists.
1999-ongoing	Principal Advisor, WHO Global Network on Suicide Prevention.
2000-2004	Member, WHO/EURO 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
2005-ongoing	Griffith Resarch Committee member
2006	Member of the Official Delegation of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing visiting mental health institution in Japan (24-28 October)
2007 University	Reviewer, Research Committee, c/o Research Grants Office, City of Hong Kong
2007	Reviewer, Food and Health Bureau (FHB) of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

CONSULTANCY APPOINTMENTS

1980-1996	Technical Consultant to the Rovigo and Padua Courts of Assizes.
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-ongoing	Member, Policy Evaluation Group, National Advisory Group on Suicide Prevention, Commonwealth of Australia
2001-ongoing	Honorary President (medical), Alzheimer Association, Gold Coast.
2002-ongoing	Board Member, National Advisory Council for Suicide Prevention, Commonwealth of Australia.

2004-ongoing	Board of Advisors, Queensland Suicide Prevention Strategy, QLD Health.
2003-2005	“International Expert”, American Association of Suicidology.
2004-2005	Reviewer, New Zealand National Strategy on Suicide Prevention.
2004-ongoing	Brisbane City Council, Committee on the Story Bridge Fencing.
2005-ongoing	Queensland Rail, Consultancy on Safety Issues
2005	Reviewer, Malaysia National Plan on Suicide Prevention
2005-ongoing	Chair, Advisory Board on Suicide Prevention, Queensland Government
2005-ongoing	Steering Group Member, Queensland Government Suicide Prevention Strategy
2006-ongoing	Multicultural Mental Health Australia, Consortium Advisor
2006-ongoing	Reviewer, Irish National Plan on Suicide Prevention

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

1991-1998	Founder and Editor in Chief of the "Italian Journal of Suicidology", and "Quaderni di Psicoterapia", co-editor in chief with Profs. Pavan and Santonastaso.
1991-ongoing	Editorial board member of the Italian journals "Medicina Psicosomatica" and "Senior," and of the international Journal “Crisis” (Germany)
1994-ongoing	Member of the Editorial Board of "Archives of Suicide Research" (USA).
1994-ongoing	Regional Editor of the Journal "Behavioral Medicine" (USA).
1996-2000	Columnist for the journal "Crisis".
1998-2001	Regional Editor for Italy of the International Psychogeriatric Association Bulletin
1998-ongoing (USA)	Editorial Board Member of “Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior” (USA)
1999-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of the journal ‘Demenze’ (Italy)

2002-ongoing	Book Reviews editor, Archives of Suicide Research (USA).
2003-ongoing	Co-Editor in Chief of the Bulletin of the Section of Suicidology, World Psychiatric Association (USA).
2003-ongoing	Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Journal “Crisis” (Germany)
2004-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of the “Journal of Affective Disorders” (UK)
2005-ongoing	Editorial Board Member of the Journal “Aging Clinical and Experimental Research” (Italy).
2005-ongoing	Editorial Advisory Board Member of “Advancing Suicide Prevention” (USA).
2008	Editor in Chief of Crisis, The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, published under the auspices of the International Association of Suicide Prevention (IASP) (4 year appointment).

REVIEWER

For the books of the publishing house Kluwer Academic Publisher (The Netherlands), Masson (Italy), Mursia (Italy), Wiley (UK), Hogrefe/Huber (Germany).

For the international journals:

Aging, Clinical and Experimental Research (18 papers)
Archives of General Psychiatry (4 paper)
Archives of Suicide Research (16 papers)
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry (20 papers)
Australian Journal of Primary Health (1 paper)
Behavioral Medicine (20 papers)
British Journal of Psychiatry (6 papers)
British Medical Journal (2 papers)
Canadian Journal of Psychiatry (3 paper)
Crisis (40 papers)
European Psychiatry (3 papers)
International Psychogeriatrics (7 papers)
International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine (2 papers)
Journal of Affective Disorders (30 papers)
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health (3 papers)
Journal of Men’s Health (1 paper)
Journal of Urban Health (1 paper)
Lancet (3 papers)
Oxford Review of Education (1 paper)

Psychological Medicine (6 papers)
Psychosomatics (4 papers)
Psychotherapy & Psychosomatics (2 papers)
Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology (9 papers)
Social Science and Medicine (2 papers)
Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior (24 papers)

AWARDS

- 1985 National award by ICI-Pharma of Italy for research on side-effects of viloxazine.
- 1986 "Gran Croce per la Sanità" award for work as health director of a private specialist organization (Medical Centre Pty Ltd)
- 1991 Won the Stengel Award in Hamburg (Germany), awarded biannually for work 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.
- 2003 "Love for Life Global Award", Taipei, Taiwan, 23.5.2003.
- 2004 Gold Medal "Italians in the World", Rovigo, Italy, 9.7.2004
- 2007 Life Award, Research. 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 [your] exceptionally distinguished work activities", Padua, 23.12.2007.
- 2008 Award from Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, Evaluation of Mental

Health Service Provision 2008.

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.

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 International Association for Suicide Prevention ; since 1987 he has been Vice President of the national representatives of the member countries.
1986	Co-founder of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention (AISPS).
1986-1992	Secretary General of the Italian Association for Suicide Prevention.
1990	Co-founder of the International Academy for Suicide Research .
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 International Psychogeriatric Association .
1997-2002	Member of the Board of the Italian Psychiatric Association .
1997-1999	Vice-President, International Association for Suicide Prevention .
1999-2001	President, International Association for Suicide Prevention.
2001-2003	President, International Association for Suicide Prevention.
2003-2005	Board Member, American Association of Suicidology
2004-2007	President ARIA-QLD , Association for Research between Italy and Australasia (Queensland)
2006-ongoing	Board Member, Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA)
2006-ongoing	Board Member, IASP-De Leo Fund

2007-ongoing President, De Leo Fund of Italy

Other memberships:

Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Psychiatry
European Association of Psychiatry
Italian Association of Psychiatry
International Psychogeriatric Association
Italian Association of Pedagogic Medicine

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 7th National Conference, "Suicide Prevention - Everybody's Business, "Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA), 1st -3rd 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 (3rd March).
- 2007 Symposium on Recent Advances in Suicide Research, 42nd Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists Congress (30.4/3.5).

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**, Quebec University. A similar agreement is in operation with the **Hong Kong** Jockey Club Suicide Research Centre, and in progress with the National Mental Health Institute, **Bangalore**, India. 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).

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**.

Recently, the Institute has been chosen to be 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 involves a growing number of 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 18th August 2005 and formally inaugurated on 3rd March 2006 in Brisbane, Australia.

Service for the Community

Prof. De Leo is a Rotarian: he started with Interact and Rotaract Memberships in Rovigo, Italy, when very young. 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 1983-1992. In this context, he has been the

ideator of the Fair of the Historical Cars (1984), an event that has become of international resonance and is still organised on a yearly basis.

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, particularly by supporting the research activities of the institute. CAPS today counts more than 150 members in good standing.

Professor De Leo is 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 is one of the Australian **Saggi** (=wise), which is 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.

Prof. De Leo is Board Member of the **Co.As.It.** (Italian-Australian Welfare Association). 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.

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.
- Associate Editor of the journal "Crisis".
- Co-Editor in Chief of the Bulletin of the Section of Suicidology (World Psychiatric Association)
- Founder and Previous Editor-in-chief of the Italian Journal of Suicidology
- Member of the editorial board of the international journals Behavioral Medicine, Crisis, Archives of Suicide Research, Suicide & Life-Threatening Behavior, Aging Clinical and experimental, Journal of Affective Disorders, Advancing Suicide Prevention.
- 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).
- Formerly Lecturer in the Speciality of Psychiatry (Clinical Psychopharmacology, Mental Hygiene, Neuropsychogeriatrics).
- Formerly Lecturer in the Speciality of Anesthetics and Resuscitation (Dolorologic Elements of Psychology and Psychiatry).
- Formerly Lecturer in the University Diploma of Logopaedics (Psychiatry).
- Formerly Lecturer in the University Diploma for Orthopticians and Ophthalmological Assistants (Principles of Neuropsychiatry)
- Formerly Lecturer in the Specialty of Clinical Psychology (Theories and Techniques in Psychological Testing), Dept. Psychology
- Founder and Former Director, Psychogeriatric Service, University of Padua
- Founder and Former Director, Suicidological Unit, University of Padua
- Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Australian Institute for Research and Prevention of Suicide, Griffith University
- Formerly Guest Professor of Psychopathology of the Ageing Person, University of Leiden
- Former Director, World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Suicide Prevention.
- 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.
- Editor-in-Chief, CRISIS

