

The **Lifetime Research Award** is presented to

**PROFESSOR DIEGO DE LEO**

In July 2005, the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention was designated as a World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Suicide Prevention. This approval and recognition process to become a W.H.O Centre is based on the track record and reputation of the Centre's Director, Professor De Leo. Under his IASP presidency, Professor De Leo was successful in creating a World Day for Suicide Prevention under the auspices of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Professor De Leo was also the ideator and creator of the World Health Organisation /Suicide Prevention-Multisite Intervention Study on Suicide, the first study ever promoted and managed by WHO HQ (Geneva) in suicidology, involved in a growing number of developed and developing countries.

With over 25 years as a researcher he is both a brilliant scientist and leading figure in suicide prevention both in Australia and internationally.