

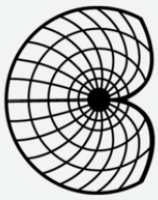
PAN EUROPE PACIFIC CONFERENCE

PARIS, FRANCE

16 - 23 APRIL 2026



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A Word from the Conference Director

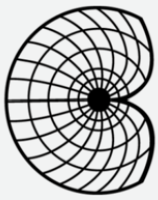
It is my pleasure to present the agenda for the 2026 Pan European Pacific Conference held in Paris. This city has been a jewel in the crown of medical and legal academia for centuries, and our continued return reflects the ongoing shared values between the French medical and legal systems and our own systems back in Australia.

The agenda we have been able to put together is peppered by elements from across both professions. We open with a timely update on expert evidence, followed by examinations of integrity commissions and the persistent tension between medical and legal interpretations of impairment. From there, we broaden our lens to consider comparative approaches to euthanasia in Australia and France, before moving into discussions on advance-care planning and the shifting landscape in family-court applications relating to transgender treatment. These topics remind us that modern practice increasingly demands fluency in human rights, societal values, and rapidly changing policy contexts.

As the program progresses, we shift toward applied learning and contemporary societal challenges: medical-negligence workshops, the art of difficult conversations, and the complex role of mental health in criminal-sentencing considerations. Sessions on prison parkruns, social-media regulation for young people, and vicarious liability in historical-abuse cases further emphasise the ways professionals contribute not only to individual outcomes but to community wellbeing and systemic reform. We conclude with practical and at times confronting topics—from cosmetic-surgery regulation and capacity in estate planning to the cautionary tale of the Pegios case—each reinforcing the need for vigilance, ethical clarity, and evidence-based practice across our disciplines. Taken together, the program offers a deeply relevant exploration of issues shaping our professional landscape today. We will also have a full social program which will allow you to interact and network whilst you are in this beautiful city.

With best regards,

Lorenzo Boccabella
Conference Director



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About the Conference Director

Lorenzo Boccabella, BA, LLB(Qld); Prof Cert Arbitration(Adelaide), has been in private practice as a Barrister-at law since early 1983. I proudly developed my practice broadly, straddling public law and private law, including conducting cases in the Supreme and Federal Courts as lead counsel. In 2008 the Council of the Bar Association of Queensland permitted me to hold myself out as a specialist in migration law. In that capacity I have conducted matters as lead counsel in the High Court and Federal Courts and in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I continue to remain stimulated by legal practice at the bar.

“What keeps me excited about the practice of law is that I can help change people's lives.”

In 1994, I founded CPE Conferences with the aim of creating high quality conferences internationally for professionals. Since then 100's of conferences have been staged on every continent providing advanced continuing education. The conferences always cover broad subject matters including papers and talks from a range of talented international speakers. I often say expect the unexpected at these conferences. Possibly one of the most valuable aspects of these events has been the wonderful interaction between delegates from all over the world, a cross-pollination of ideas, professional practices and importantly friendships.

CPE Conferences looks forward to continuing these activities for years to come.

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ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Conference venue: Sorbonne University International Conference Centre

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

19:00 Welcome Drinks & Dinner at Brasserie Vaudeville

Friday, April 17, 2026

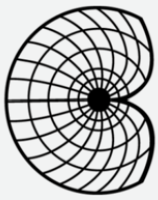
- 14:00 – 15:00 **An Update on Expert Evidence: More Recent Developments.**
Judge Gary Long SC, Judge, QLD
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Integrity Commissions**
Hon. Dennis Cowdroy AO KC, Judicial Officer, NSW
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Impairment Assessment - Medical or Legal**
Dr Dion Suyapto, Occupational Physician, SA
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Euthanasia — A Comparative Study of Australia and France**
Mr Pierre Baume, Barrister at Law , National Mediator, VIC

Saturday, April 18, 2026

- 14:00 – 15:00 **Update on Vicarious Liability And Historical Abuse Claims.**
Mr Reno Gambi, Barrister, NSW
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Family Law**
Mrs Susan Warda, Lawyer, NSW
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Parenting Coordination**
Antonia Marran, Solicitor, NSW
- 17:00 – 18:00 **The Relevance of Mental Health Disorders in the Sentencing of Offenders in the Criminal Justice System**
Ms Tina Previtiera, Judicial Officer, QLD

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Networking Day



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Monday, April 20, 2026

- 14:00 – 15:00 **Difficult Conversation Made Easy**
Ms Marie Mills, Communications, WA
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Prison Parkruns: Turning Sentences Into New Chapters**
Dr Chad Brunner, Consultant General Practitioner, SA
- 16:00 – 18:00 **A Workshop in Medical Negligence**
Mr Lorenzo Boccabella, Principal, QLD

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- 14:00 – 15:30 **Advance Care Planning - from Bedside to Bench and Back Again.**
Prof Sonia Fullerton, Palliative Medicine Physician, VIC
- 15:30– 17:00 **How Has the Family Court of Australia Dealt with Applications for Transgender Surgery/ Treatment**
Mr David Madsen, Solicitor, QLD
- 17:00 – 18:00 **The Saga of Pegios - The Dentist Who Killed his Patient in the Chair**
Mr Lorenzo Boccabella, Principal, QLD

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

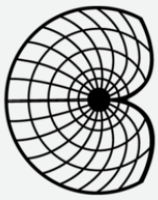
Departure day

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Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)



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Speakers

Mr Lorenzo Boccabella

Topics: A Workshop in Medical Negligence; The Saga of Pegios - the dentist who killed his patient in the chair

Lorenzo Boccabella is a barrister-at-law specialising in administrative, medical negligence and migration law. In addition to his practice, he regularly lectures on migration law in Australia. He has a keen interest in the cross section between constitutional law, politics and current affairs. Lorenzo has written and lectured on comparative constitutional law, providing insights into the legal frameworks governing executive immunity and accountability.

Mr Pierre Baume

Topic: Euthanasia – A Comparative Study of Australia and France

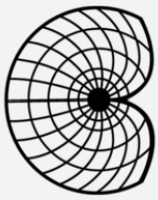
Pierre Baume is a barrister and nationally accredited mediator with a diverse practice spanning personal injury, administrative law, commercial and construction matters, family law, and mental health. He brings over 25 years of experience in the health sector, having worked as both a clinician and administrator, with a strong background in the management of public and private hospitals and involvement in state and international inquiries.

In addition to his legal practice, Pierre is an experienced academic, teaching Health Law and Mental Health at Monash University. He is a Director of the St Kilda Legal Service and a former Vice Chair of the Mental Health Legal Centre. Pierre holds a Master of Laws with a major in Corporations Law and has published and presented widely at national and international forums.

Dr Chad Brunner

Topic: Prison Parkruns: Turning Sentences Into New Chapters

Dr Chad Brunner is a consultant General Practitioner based in the Adelaide Hills, with a strong commitment to rural and correctional health. A long-term resident of the region, he has lived and worked in communities including Macclesfield, Aldgate, and Woodside, developing deep local connections and an understanding of regional healthcare needs. Chad has worked with SA Prison Health for over a decade and currently practises at Mobilong Prison in Murray Bridge, where he provides care two days per week. In parallel, he continues part-time rural general practice in Woodside, with admitting rights to Mount Barker Hospital. In 2019, he established the Mobilong Prison parkrun and is actively involved in supporting the development of parkrun events at other correctional facilities across South Australia. Outside clinical practice, Chad enjoys motorcycle riding and trail running.



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Hon. Dennis Cowdroy AO KC

Topic: Integrity Commissions

The Hon. Dennis Cowdroy AO KC is a highly respected jurist with extensive experience across both civilian and military legal systems. He has served as a Justice of the Federal Court of Australia and the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, as well as Judge Advocate of the Australian Defence Force. His distinguished career includes appointments as a Member of the Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal, Chairman of the Australian Electoral Commission, and the inaugural Integrity Commissioner of the Australian Capital Territory. In June 2019, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to the law and the judiciary in both civilian and military spheres. He currently serves as Deputy President of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Dr Sonia Fullerton

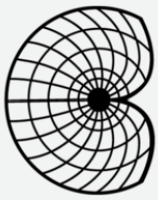
Topic: Advance Care Planning - from Bedside to Bench and Back Again.

Associate Professor Sonia Fullerton is a palliative physician, currently working in palliative care at the Parkville Integrated Palliative Care Service and also as the Deputy Chief Medical Officer at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia. She is the immediate past Chair of the Advance Care Planning community of practice forum in Victoria, Australia, and has published on ACP and palliative medicine. She is currently half way through a four month trip to the USA and Europe while on long service leave.

Mr Reno Gambi

Topic: Update On Vicarious Liability and Historical Abuse Claims.

Mr. Reno Gambi is a certified mediator with over 30 years of experience as a barrister, specializing in resolving complex disputes across various legal areas, including commercial law, insurance, and medical negligence. Known for his fair and sincere approach, Reno offers practical, commercial guidance while maintaining neutrality throughout the mediation process. His strong interpersonal skills, empathetic understanding, and multivalent thinking enable him to grasp the complexities of each case, facilitating tailored solutions that lead to mutually satisfactory outcomes. Reno is well-prepared and adaptable, offering in-person or virtual mediation services to suit the needs of all parties.



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Judge Gary Long SC

Topic: An Update on Expert Evidence: more recent developments.

Judge Long was appointed as a judge of the District Court of Queensland on 13 May 2011.

Mr David Madsen

Topic: How has the Family Court of Australia Dealt with Applications for Transgender Surgery/ Treatment

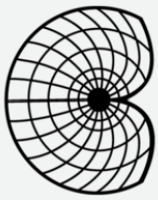
David is the Principal Solicitor of Madsen Law in Brisbane, a firm specialising in family law. Admitted as a solicitor in Queensland in 1990 and accredited as a Family Law Specialist in 2012, he brings extensive experience to his practice. Prior to relocating to Australia, David spent 10 years working as a criminal defence lawyer in New Zealand. He now leads a dedicated team focused exclusively on family law matters.

Ms Antonia Marran

Topic: Parenting Coordination

Antonia Marran is an Accredited Specialist in Family Law and a Senior Associate in the Mills Oakley Family Law team. She practises exclusively in family law and has developed extensive expertise across complex parenting disputes, high-value property settlements, and international family law matters, including cross-border disputes and relocation cases under the Hague Convention. Antonia is particularly experienced in managing high-conflict matters involving family violence, mental health considerations, and neurodivergent children, and provides strategic advice on financial support, asset protection, and binding financial agreements.

Recognised as a Rising Star in Doyle's Guide in 2024 and 2025, Antonia combines analytical precision with a strong client-focused approach, guiding families through complex legal and personal challenges toward sustainable outcomes. She is actively involved in professional and community education, is Director of the Kidman Centre focused on youth mental health, and hosts the Beyond Borders: International Family Law podcast. Antonia holds a Juris Doctor from Macquarie University and specialist accreditation from the Law Society of New South Wales.



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Ms Marie Mills

Topic: Difficult Conversation Made Easy

Marie is a respected communications advisor and corporate coach who has been helping clients manage difficult conversations for decades. After an early career in broadcast journalism (asking as many difficult questions as she could) Marie established her own public relations practice and soon become a highly sought-after communications adviser, corporate trainer and professional coach. Her clients range from young professionals through to very experienced leaders across business, industry and government. Delivered one-on-one, in group workshops, and as conference presentations, her training is insightful, practical and engaging. Marie's formal qualifications (a Masters of Commercial Law from the University of Melbourne, Bachelor of Arts (Politics and English - UWA) and teaching qualifications in Speech and Drama) all assist in a strong theoretical foundation for her training and presentations, however the focus is on practical skills – achieving effective communication rather than simply technically correct communication, presenting persuasive arguments in a compelling manner, and managing the sensitive and difficult conversations that inevitably arise in professional life.

Ms Tina Previtara

Topic: The relevance of mental health disorders in the sentencing of offenders in the criminal justice system

Magistrate Tina Previtara has served as a Queensland Magistrate since 1998, bringing extensive experience in adult criminal law, juvenile justice, and mental health matters. Throughout her career, she has presided in courts across Queensland, including regional and remote communities such as Cape York and the Gulf of Carpentaria during her time based in Cairns. Currently based in Brisbane, Magistrate Previtara is responsible for the Murri Court, where she contributes to culturally informed approaches to justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, alongside her broader responsibilities across criminal lists.



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Dr Dion Suyapto

Topic: Impairment Assessment - Medical or Legal

Dr Dion Suyapto is a specialist occupational and environmental physician who graduated from Adelaide University in 2003 and completed his specialty training in 2014 through the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine of the Royal Australasian College of Physician.

He since has completed a Bachelor of Laws Degree and been awarded Fellow of the Australasian College of Legal Medicine.

Mrs Susan Warda

Topic: Family Law

Susan Warda is a Partner and team leader of the Sydney Family Law practice at Mills Oakley, with over 30 years' experience in family law. An Accredited Specialist in Family Law, collaborative lawyer, and parenting coordinator, she is widely recognised for her expertise in complex financial matters, including high-value property settlements involving family businesses, trusts, and international assets. Susan represents both domestic and international clients, with a strong focus on cross-border disputes, including custody, relocation, and matters under the Hague Convention.

Known for her strategic and pragmatic approach, Susan is equally experienced in court advocacy and resolving disputes through mediation and collaborative processes. She is consistently recognised in Doyle's Guide and Best Lawyers in Australia, and was recently named among Australia's leading prenuptial agreement lawyers. A Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers, Susan also hosts the Beyond Borders: International Family Law podcast and remains actively involved in professional and community leadership.