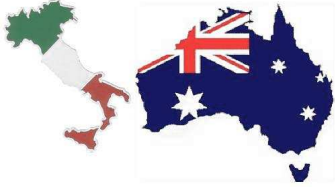


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## **AMIA: Associazione Multiculturale Italo-Australiana**

*In memoriam of Prof. Bernard J. Hickey*

On the 7th of September 2007, the Associazione Multiculturale Italo-Australiana (AMIA) – Italian-Australian Multicultural Association, was registered at the Department of Social Sciences and Communication, at the University of Salento, Lecce - Italy. AMIA's conception is due to an idea by Prof. Bernard J. Hickey and several young university graduates, and has now been founded under the chair of Prof. Giuseppe Schiavone. The association has been established with the aim of achieving a multitude of projects and values, many of which formed part of Prof. Hickey's original inspiration for the association.

AMIA organizes and promotes cultural demonstrations, lectures, reunions, shows, trips, conferences, teacher exchanges, research, contact with field specialists, diffusion of information and news, market research, studies and documentation.

AMIA, as part of the ARIA organizations (Associations for Research between Italy and Australasia), will help establish relationships with the Italian communities in Australia. One of the main goals of AMIA is to embrace and communicate knowledge of the Apulian traditions and the Australian traditions. AMIA seeks to disseminate information through the media, the arts and literature concerning Apulia, Italy and Australia, for the education of its members and the general public.

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