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Recent News

[National Post CEO Paul Godfrey set to become the new OLG chair](#)

November 27, 2009. The Canadian Press.

[Casino drops banned-gambler list](#)

November 29, 2009. Topeka Capital-Journal.

[GamCare under threat from Gambling Strategy Board proposals](#)

December 02, 2009. Civil Society.

[Myth busting poker machines](#)

December 04, 2009. Advocate News.

[Casinos' online gambling dilemma](#)

November 30, 2009. I-Net Bridge .

[China poised to own half of online gaming by 2012](#)

November 30, 2009. Wax Paper.

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Featured Research

[Problem gambling in Europe: An overview](#)

Griffiths, M. (2009).

This report provides a European country-by-country analysis of the known empirical (and in some cases anecdotal) evidence of gambling and problem gambling in that particular country. In Europe, gambling is a diverse concept that incorporates a range of activities undertaken in a variety of settings and giving rise to differing sets of behaviours and perceptions among participants and observers.

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[Call for Panelist Presentations: Responsible Gambling Council's 2010 Discovery Conference](#)

Proposals for panelist presentations are now being accepted for The Responsible Gambling Council's Discovery 2010 Conference being held April 13-16, 2010 at The Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, Ontario.

Deadline for submissions is December 1st, 2009.

[Request for Applications: Evaluating the psychometric properties of the Problem Gambling Severity Index.](#)

On behalf of the Interprovincial Problem Gambling Research Consortium, the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre ("the Centre") is requesting proposals for a psychometric evaluation of the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). The PGSI assesses gambling problems using a nine-item Likert scale. PGSI respondents are classified as non-gamblers, non-problem gamblers, low-risk gamblers, moderate-risk gamblers, or problem gamblers according to the PGSI summary score. However, the validity of this classification is not clear and further research is needed to evaluate the validity of the commonly-used PGSI cut-off scores and/or to suggest alternative cut-offs. In addition, there is evidence that some items of the PGSI items might be more important than others. An appropriate weighting of items and categories within items might improve the performance of the PGSI. Research is needed to develop item weights and to study performance and potential benefits of a weighted scale relative to the original unweighted scoring.

Deadline for submissions is December 31st, 2009.

[2009 Durand Jacobs Award: Call for Papers](#)

The International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University invites submissions to the 2009 Durand Jacobs Award competition, to be awarded to the best graduate student paper related to the psychology of addictive behaviors. This annual award is dedicated to Dr. Durand Jacobs' lifelong efforts to help mentor students. Published and/or publishable papers will be considered by the selection committee, comprised of an international panel of experts in the field. The recipient will receive an award plaque and their work will be featured in the Youth Gambling International newsletter. Graduate students from all related disciplines are encouraged to submit.

Deadline for submissions is February 26th, 2010.

Upcoming Events

[2010 International Gambling Conference](#)

February 24-26, 2010 - Auckland City, New Zealand

[12th Annual Statewide Compulsive Gambling Awareness Conference](#)

March 18-19, 2010 - Sheyboygan, Wisconsin, USA

[Alberta Gaming Research Institute's 9th Annual Conference](#)

April 9-10, 2010 - Banff, Alberta, Canada

[Responsible Gambling Council's Discovery 2010 Conference](#)

April 13-16, 2010 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Hope you've enjoyed this edition of Newscan. We'll see you again next week!

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