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Recent News

[As target users get younger, slots get more hip. Technology-enhanced machines debut at expo](#)

November 24, 2008. The Las Vegas Sun.

[UIGEA regulations do not address problem gambling](#)

November 23, 2008. Poker News Daily.

[More women gambling, losing](#)

November 23, 2008. Cincinnati.com.

[The allure of gambling](#)

November 23, 2008. The Columbian.

[Gamblers and addicts are often behind widespread fraud](#)

November 24, 2008. The Courier-Mail.

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Featured Research

[Inconsistency between concept and measurement: The Canadian Problem Gambling Index \(CPGI\)](#)

Svetieva, E., & Walker, M. (2008)

"Problem" and "pathological" gambling represent core concepts that guide gambling research today. However, divergent interpretation of the relation between these terms is continually misleading the measurement and interpretation of empirical data, and may cumulatively lead to larger-scale problems of conclusion and policy formulation over the next decade. This paper first attempts to unravel the conceptual muddle by outlining the trajectory of the usage of the two terms, from a period where both were dimensionally similar concepts firmly situated in the addiction model to a more recent conception, which takes the view that problem gambling is distinct and properly measured by focusing on the problems that excessive gambling may cause to individuals, families, and communities. We then aim to analyse and criticize the Canadian Problem Gambling Index (CPGI) as a clear example of the confusion of paradigms, an index that defines problem gambling in the newer, problem-centred model, but continues to measure it with items reflecting the older, addiction-centred model. We argue that results obtained using the CPGI, much like those of its

predecessors, will not adequately capture the notion of harm that underpins current definitions of problem gambling.

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[Call for Applications: Priority Research Topics](#)

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre is soliciting proposals for two priority research topics:

- One Level II Research Award on gambling in Ethno-cultural communities. This fact finding study should: review the current state of knowledge in the academic literature, and conduct an environmental scan; survey organizations and provincial programs that are funded for ethno-cultural prevention and treatment; provide direction on what is or is not working for target groups, and recommend next steps.
- One Level I Research Award on Internet counseling to include a review of the literature, environmental scan and future research.

Deadline for submissions is December 5th, 2008.

[Call for Papers: 14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking](#)

The Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, College of Business, at the University of Nevada, Reno is sponsoring the 14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk-Taking. The conference will take place May 25-29, 2009, at Harrah's Lake Tahoe in Stateline, Nevada.

The primary objectives of the conference are to contribute to the base of scientific knowledge about gambling in all its dimensions, to stimulate further research, and to facilitate discussion and dialogue about gambling and commercial gaming as it has developed and continues to evolve throughout the world.

Individuals and organizations are invited to submit papers for presentation at the Conference. Submissions are invited on any topics related to gambling as well as industry studies covering casinos, lotteries, horse racing, Internet gambling, pari-mutuel wagering, etc. For specific topic categories, please see the Institute's website at www.unr.edu/gaming

Deadline for submissions is January 15th, 2009.

[Call for Posters: Banff Conference on Internet Gambling](#)

A poster session will be held during the conference. Researchers should email a 150-200 word abstract to Dr. Robert Williams at robert.williams@uleth.ca. Abstracts should include: title of research, names of author(s) with the presenting

author underlined, author affiliation, and contact information. The poster can address any area of gambling, although research on online gambling is especially encouraged.

Deadline for submissions is January 30th, 2009.

[Call for Papers: National Council On Problem Gambling 2009 Research Awards](#)

The National Council on Problem Gambling invites nominations for its 2009 Outstanding Master's and Doctoral Dissertation Awards, and its 2009 Research Award. Award recipients will receive a complimentary registration to the 23rd National Conference on Problem Gambling, and are invited to present a paper at the conference (June 25-27, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN), based upon their thesis, dissertation or research. The Outstanding Thesis Award recipient will also receive a \$200 cash prize and the Outstanding Dissertation Award recipient will receive a \$400 cash prize.

Submissions must be sent via e-mail (MSWord or PDF Formats) to dmneill@unmc.edu

Deadline for submissions is February 1st, 2009.

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

The International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University invites submissions to the 2008 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.

Please submit all entries electronically to alissa.sklar@mcgill.ca. If you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Alissa Sklar by email, or telephone: 514-398-2470.

Deadline for submissions is February 27th, 2009.

[Call for Applications: Level II Research Awards](#)

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre is pleased to announce applications for Level II Research Awards are now being accepted. For the fiscal

year ending March 31, 2009 the Centre has funds available for up to three open Level II Awards. The purpose of the Level II Award program is to provide a more accessible level of support for problem gambling research of modest scope. Funding is available to a maximum of \$35,000, plus overhead of up to 20% of the grant total. Guidelines for Level II Awards have been revised, and include significance criteria. For guidelines, please visit the Centre's website at www.gamblingresearch.org.

Deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2009.

Upcoming Events

[National Association for Gambling Studies 18th Annual Conference](#)

December 3 - 5, 2008 - Adelaide, Australia

[Banff Conference on Internet Gambling](#)

March 27 - 28, 2009 - Banff, Alberta, Canada

[14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking](#)

May 25 - 29, 2009 - Stateline, Nevada, USA

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

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