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Recent News

[Criminals could get help for gambling, not prison time. Bill would let judges send some to treatment as is now case with drug, alcohol users.](#)

April 18, 2009. The Las Vegas Sun.

[Only 5 percent of 'problem gambling' calls from Asians](#)

April 18, 2009. NorwitchBulletin.com.

[Switzerland set to legalise online gambling](#)

April 24, 2009. Gambling Online Magazine.

[China: Macau gaming boom at a cost](#)

April 17, 2009. IPS News.

[Study shows strong correlation between gambling, suicide](#)

April 23, 2009. Macau Daily Times.

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Featured Research

[An evaluation of two United Kingdom online support forums designed to help people with gambling issues](#)

Wood, R.T.A., & Wood, S.A. (2009).

The study examined two United Kingdom online forums designed to support people with gambling problems and people affected by problem gambling (e.g., partners, relatives, and friends). The methods utilised were content analysis of 60 forum posts, online semi-structured interviews (n = 19), and an online survey (n = 121). The study found that the forums helped members to better understand and cope with their own gambling problems or with those of others. A lack of other alternative support, ease of access and availability, need for additional support, insight gained through posting and hearing other's stories, help in resisting urges to gamble, and perceived anonymity were all given as benefits of the forums. The forums were most popular with online gamblers, and had a higher ratio of females to males (with gambling problems) than any other comparable service.

Significantly more females than males suggested that the forums helped them to cope better with their gambling problem. The utility of online forums for helping people dealing with gambling problems is discussed.

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[Call for Applications: 2009-2010 Graduate Studentship Program](#)

The purpose of the Fellowship Program is to develop the capacity in Ontario to conduct problem gambling research. The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre accomplishes this by providing financial support to students who undertake problem gambling research as part of their graduate studies programs and show promise for a career in problem gambling research. Studentship awards have been increased and extended as part of a program redesign. Doctoral Studentships are valued at \$20,000 per year for up to three years and \$17,500 for up to two years at the Masters level. Doctoral and Masters Studentships can also be awarded as part of an Emerging Team Award. At the time of application, candidates must be registered as a full-time student in a Masters or Doctoral program at a recognized Canadian university, and anticipate completion of their program within three years.

Deadline for applications is May 15th, 2009.

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

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre is pleased to announce that applications for Level II and III research awards are now being accepted for research into problem gambling. For a complete solicitation and the latest guidelines for submission, please visit the Centre's website.

Applications for Level II awards can be submitted at any time and will be processed in order of submission.

Deadline for Level III letter of intent submissions is May 29th, 2009.

Upcoming Events

[Western Regional Problem Gambling Awareness Conference](#)

May 1 - 2, 2009 - Vancouver, Washington, USA

[2009 Massachusetts Conference on Gambling Problems](#)

May 12, 2009 - Worcester, Massachusetts, USA

[Nordic Conference on Problem Gambling, Treatment and Prevention](#)

May 18 - 20, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

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

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

[2009 Annual Conference North American Gambling Regulators Association](#)

June 2 - 5, 2009 - Washington, D.C., USA

[23rd National Conference on Problem Gambling Prevention, Treatment, Responsible Gaming, Research and Recovery](#)

June 25 - 27, 2009 - Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

[Gambling and Addictions Symposium 2009](#)

September 3 - 4, 2009 - Montréal, Quebec, Canada

[Gambling, Gender and Society International Research Conference](#)

September 24, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

[Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's Responsible Gambling Conference 2009](#)

October 5 - 6, 2009 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

[NCRG Conference on Gambling and Addiction](#)

November 15 - 17, 2009 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

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

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