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Recent News

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[Atlantic Lotto ponders online partnership with Quebec](#)

November 24, 2009. The Chronicle Herald .

[Financial groups banking on the creative minds of poker professionals](#)

November 22, 2009. Business Mirror.

[Problem gamblers helpline to launch online counseling](#)

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[Poland restricts gambling outside casinos](#)

November 20, 2009. AFP.

[NCPG launches casino self-exclusion order](#)

November 26, 2009. ChannelNewsAsia.com.

[Galaxy promotes responsible gaming](#)

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Featured Research

[The legislature could consider several options to protect consumers from unregulated Internet poker](#)

Office of Program Policy Analysis & Government Accountability. (November, 2009).

Florida law allows poker games at licensed parimutuel facilities but does not address Internet poker. Federal law prohibits Internet gambling of any type; however more than 2,000 websites exist and many allow United States residents,

including Floridians, to gamble online. Several factors may affect the future of Internet gambling. Pending federal legislation that seeks to license and regulate Internet gambling would reverse current U.S. law. In addition, advocates interpret a recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit to suggest that intrastate Internet gambling already may be legal. If the Legislature wishes to provide consumer protections for Internet poker, it could consider three options: (1) maintain the status quo and monitor federal legislation that would establish a federal licensing system; (2) adopt laws that would prohibit Internet poker; or (3) adopt laws to authorize and regulate intrastate Internet poker. There are advantages and disadvantages associated with each of these options.

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[Call for Papers: Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand 2010 International Gambling Conference](#)

Proposals for presentations and sessions are now being accepted for The Problem Gambling Foundation of New Zealand 2010 International Gambling Conference being held February 24-26, 2010 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand. The conference will examine new technologies and their implications for the future of gambling along with the groups of people who may be targeted or impacted by these technologies. Enhancing measures needed to prevent and reduce harms associated with current and emerging forms of gambling will also be examined. Presentations should include new and original work that reflects the conference theme. Workshop presentations may be supported with visual materials, handouts, and activities. Alternatively to both paper and workshop presentations, presentations may be made through an audio or visual format. Individuals whose lives have been impacted by problem gambling and would like the opportunity to tell their story and express their views are also welcome.

Deadline for submissions is November 27th, 2009.

[Call for Panelist Presentations: Responsible Gambling Council's Discovery 2010 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.

[Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre](#)

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre is pleased to announce that applications for Level III & IV research awards are now being accepted for research into problem gambling. Please visit the website for the guidelines for submission.

Deadline for proposal submissions is April 15th, 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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