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Recent News

[More women are becoming problem gamblers](#)

December 13, 2009. New Haven Register.

[Gamblers 'may get a high' from web auctions](#)

December 16, 2009. Brisbanetimes.com.au.

[Swedish city to block online gambling](#)

December 11, 2009. Gaming Zion.

[Singapore: Casinos face heavy penalties should barred persons entered gaming floors](#)

December 16, 2009. Brunei Fm World News.

[Svenska Spel ups minimum gambling age & support funding](#)

December 11, 2009. Gaming Intelligence.

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Featured Research

[Gambling motivation and involvement: A review of social science research](#)

Swedish National Institute of Public Health. (2009).

This report reviews the academic literature on social, economic and cultural research on gambling. The objective is to sum up what the literature says about the motives people have for gambling and the factors that influence their degree of involvement in gambling. Suggestions are made as to the usefulness of this knowledge for studies on problem gambling, which often rely on medical concepts of excessive gambling as pathology. This review – citing 434 works – may thus be helpful to scholars, health practitioners and policy makers who deal with problem gambling issues, and of some interest also to those with a more general desire to learn more about why people gamble.

## Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

### [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.

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### [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 be 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

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

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