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#### Recent News

[Researchers: Gambling changes brain dynamics](#)

December 09, 2009. Pasadena Star News.

[Report says sports gambling is problem throughout N.J. high schools](#)

December 07, 2009. The Star-Ledger .

[Online gambling a threat to global economy, U. of I. expert says](#)

December 08, 2009. Illinois University .

[The gambler who blew \\$127 million](#)

December 05, 2009. The Wall Street Journal .

[Gambler ordered to repay \\$1m to Crown](#)

December 08, 2009. Smh.com.au.

[UK Bookmakers improve underage gambling controls](#)

December 07, 2009. Gaming Intelligence.

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#### Featured Research

[Parents as partners: Quantitative national findings](#)

DECODE & Derevensky, J. (2009).

DECODE, in collaboration with Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky (McGill University), initiated the Canadian “Parents as Partners” study to enhance our knowledge and understanding of parental awareness and attitudes toward youth gambling. The study was also designed to generate fact-based direction for the development of communications, support materials, services and programs that will effectively engage parents as partners in youth-centered responsible gambling awareness and

problem gambling prevention.

There were six funding partners in the study: • Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission • British Columbia Lottery Corporation • Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation • Saskatchewan Health • Fondation Mise sur toi • Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre

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 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

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

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