

FEATURED INFORMATION

NEW FACTSHEET: "COVID-19 ET JEUX DE HASARD ET D'ARGENT"

We will soon be releasing a factsheet titled "COVID-19 et jeux de hasard et d'argent : impacts, transformations et réflexions." The factsheet will focus on the gambling sector's worldwide response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONVERGENCE RECHERCHE INTERVENTION: SPECIAL EDITION

RISQ, IUD, the HERMES team and the AQCID hosted a virtual conference on addiction titled "[CRI-Pandémie](#)" from May 25th, 2020-June 17th, 2020.

RESCHEDULED: SUMMER INTERACTIVE SYMPOSIUM

The Symposium that was originally scheduled for June 8th-10th, 2020 has been postponed to May 10th-12th, 2021. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GAMBLING: HELP AND REFERRAL

[Gambling: Help and Referral](#) is available 24/7 by phone in either English or French. Montreal: (514) 527-0140, Elsewhere in Quebec: 1 (800) 461-0140.

RESOURCES FOR GAMBLERS

A bank of resources is available on the [IUD and CIUSSS website](#) to help individuals manage their consumption habits. *Available in French only.*

TOOLKIT FOR INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS

The IUD and CIUSSS have provided [online documents](#) to help intervention specialists continue their work virtually. *Available in French only.*

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

The Student committee involved in CRI-Pandemie created a [list of resources](#) for students working from home. *Available in French only.*

PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ **Fiedler, I., Kairouz, S. & Reynolds, J.** (2020). [Corporate social responsibility vs. financial interests: The case of responsible gambling programs](#). *Journal of Public Health*, 1-8.
- ◆ **Reynolds, J., Kairouz, S., Ilacqua, S., & French, M.** (2020). [Responsible Gambling: A Scoping Review](#). *Critical Gambling Studies*, 1(1), 23-39.
- ◆ **Dufour, M., Morvannou, A., Laverdière, E., Brunelle, N., Kairouz, S., Nadeau, L., Nolin, M.A., Dusseault F., & Berbiche, D.** (2020). [Once online poker, always online poker? Poker modality trajectories over two years](#). *Addictive Behaviors Reports*.
- ◆ **Dufour, M., Morvannou, A., & Saint-Arnaud, G.** (2020). [Le poker et les jeunes : un jeu dangereux ?](#) In E. Mazalon et M. Du-mont (dir.) (p. 103-123). *Soutien à la persévérance et à la réussite des jeunes et des adultes en formation professionnelle*. Montréal : Presse universitaire du Québec - Education, Intervention.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP ON GAMBLING



Congratulations to Jean-Philippe Laforge who won the annual scholarship of the Research Chair on Gambling. Jean-Philippe is beginning a Master's degree in Sociology at Concordia University under the supervision of Dr. Sylvia Kairouz. His project will focus on the medicalization and the social construction of cyberaddiction in relation to the "problematic" use of video games.

CONGRATULATIONS NICOLE ARSENAULT!

The Research Chair on Gambling would like to congratulate Nicole Arsenault for completing her master's degree. Nicole finalized in May 2020 her thesis titled, "Gambling Research and Older Women: Medicalization, Gender Essentialism, and Ageism."



NEWS FROM THE GAMBLING FIELD

THE EMERGING IMPACT OF COVID-19

The [Responsible Gambling Council \(RGC\)](#) released a report on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on gambling in the Canadian province of Ontario. On March 17th, 2020, the Ontario government restricted recreation businesses including gambling facilities. This report evaluates how community outreach and prevention programmes should be improved in the province.

BLOCKCHAIN AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

[In this book](#) written by Fred Steinmetz, Lennart Ante, Ingo Fiedler, an overview of the concepts of blockchain technology and the machinations of different blockchain ecosystems are presented. The book explores the socio-economic impacts and challenges regarding blockchain technology adoption, roll out, scalability and regulation.

GRE: “JEU D’ARGENT SUR INTERNET EN SUISSE” REPORT

[A study](#) carried out by GRE and Addiction Suisse revealed major challenges in the evolution of online gambling. The study draws attention to the dangers associated with the merging of video games and gambling.

HARM REDUCTION FOR GAMBLING: A PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

[This edited volume](#) aims to facilitate the evolution of the new public health approach towards gambling. Bringing together the work of international experts, it gives a current overview of the field, highlighting the need for a coordinated framework of prevention and harm reduction measures to replace current "player protection" measures.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

The following conferences have been postponed to a later date as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ◆ [Public Health 2020 Conference](#) originally set for April 28th-30th, 2020 has been postponed to October 14th-16th, 2020 and will be held virtually.
- ◆ The [AFCAS Conference](#) originally set for May 4th-8th, 2020 has been postponed to May 3rd-7th, 2021 at the University of Sherbrooke and Bishop’s University in Sherbrooke, Canada.
- ◆ The [CPA Annual Convention](#) originally set for May 28th-30th, 2020 in Montreal, Canada has been cancelled. A virtual convention will be held from July 6th-August 28th, 2020.

The following conferences have been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- ◆ [Alberta Gambling Research Institute 2020 Conference](#) originally set for March 26th-28th, 2020 has been cancelled.
- ◆ [The Discovery 2020 Conference](#) originally set for April 14th- 16th, 2020 has been cancelled. The 2021 conference will take place in Toronto, Canada. A date has not been released.
- ◆ The [17th Annual Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse](#) originally set for June 17th-19th, 2020 has been cancelled. A conference in 2021 has been confirmed. A date has not been released.
- ◆ [International Gambling Conference 2020](#) originally set for June 24th-26th, 2020 has been cancelled. A conference in 2022 has been confirmed. A date has not been released.

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