



Conference Workshops

There will be two pre-conference workshops on 23 February 2010: *Prevention of problem gambling* and *Public health and gambling*.

Pre-conference workshop 1

On 23 February 2010, Professor Robert Williams will run a one-day workshop: Prevention of problem gambling

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9:30 am – 10:30 am	Causes of problem gambling
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am – 12:00pm	Overview of educational initiatives to prevent problem gambling
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 am – 2:15 pm	Overview of policy initiatives to prevent problem gambling
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Break
2:30pm – 3:30 pm	Best practices in the prevention of problem gambling

This workshop discusses the nature, effectiveness, and implementation of all major educational and policy initiatives that are being used around the world to prevent problem gambling. Educational initiatives include: information/awareness campaigns, school-based prevention programs, and venue-based information/counselling centres. Policy initiatives discussed include: restrictions on the general availability of gambling, restrictions on who can gamble, and restrictions or alterations on how gambling is provided. The final part of this presentation provides a list of best practices in the prevention of problem gambling that derive from this evidence as well as evidence from related fields. The information in this workshop is derived from a comprehensive and exhaustive study of these issues contained in Williams, R. J., West, B. L., & Simpson, R. I. (2008). [Prevention of Problem/Pathological Gambling: A Comprehensive Review of the Evidence 2008.](#)

The cost for attending this one day workshop will be NZ\$135 (including lunch and morning and afternoon tea).

Time: 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.

Pre-conference workshop 2

On 23 February 2010, Associate Professor John Raeburn will run a one-day workshop: *Public health and gambling - the way ahead for Aotearoa/New Zealand and the world.*

Aotearoa/New Zealand was once seen as leading the world in applying a public health approach to gambling, and still remains the only country with a significant government stake in this. But has it retained the original vision?

The features of this are a harm minimisation plus health promotion philosophy, and a strong community action and cultural perspective, with priority given to indigenous Maori self-determination in this area.

This workshop will revisit this vision, to determine to what extent it has been fulfilled, and then to consider where it would be good to go now. And is this the optimal kind of approach for other jurisdictions to use as well?

This workshop will begin with looking at the whole field critically, then engage in group work on the future direction of public health and gambling for mainstream, Maori and other cultures, both in New Zealand and internationally.

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