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# EXCESSIVE GAMBLING SCIENCE, INDEPENDENCE, TRANSPARENCY

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*4<sup>th</sup> international multidisciplinary symposium*

PREANNOUCEMENT



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The present symposium follows congresses entitled "from legislation to action" (the University of Lausanne, 2005) and "preventing excessive gambling within an addictive society" (University of Lausanne, 2008). The most recent edition; "Excessive gambling: Prevention and Harm Reduction" was held at the University of Neuchâtel in 2014. Gambling addiction and other addictive behaviours "without substances", represent an ever-increasing challenge for health and prevention policies, and their evaluation. This is particularly influenced by the transnational context of the Internet and current opportunities for electronic gambling, which are designed to be addictive. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the symposium will, therefore, focus on monitoring systems and ways to directly approach and handle conflicts of interest between stakeholders.

## Place

The colloquium will be held at The University of Fribourg (pérolle II site), within the capital of the same-named Canton, which is officially bilingual. This economic, administrative and educational centre, holds a key role in East-West communication, and is of European and national importance. It offers a privileged, symbolic position for such an event, which aims to provide an opportunity for sharing knowledge and reflections. Served by the Swiss railroad network, Fribourg is less than two hours from the airports of Geneva, Basel-Mulhouse and Zürich ([www.sbb.ch/en](http://www.sbb.ch/en)).

## Who should attend?

- Social health professionals
- Legal and economic professionals
- Politicians
- Public health professionals and those working in the prevention field
- Clinical staff
- Professionals concerned with operator social responsibility
- Excessive gambling and addictions researchers

## Open list of themes

Public health approach and harm reduction – social costs – comparative law and frameworks for prevention – ethnology and social anthropology – responsible gambling and moderators – addictiveness and regulatory processes – selective prevention programmes – youth protection – community health – specialised therapies and structures – health at work – relatives and significant others – ongoing training – monitoring and evaluation – neurobiology of addictive behaviours – video games and other behavioural addictions.

## General format

The congress will include plenary sessions, parallel symposia and workshops, round table discussions, oral communications, posters, video material and stands. Communication will be in the four working languages: French, German, Italian, and English. Plenary conferences will be translated. The main presentations will benefit from simultaneous translation. Social events on the evenings of 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, will provide further opportunities for informal exchanges.

## Important dates

Subscriptions and call for abstracts: from 15.11.2017  
Deadline for abstract submissions: 15.02.2018  
Deadline for reduced tariff inscriptions: 15.03.2018

## Organising institutions

Centre du jeu excessif, CHUV, Lausanne  
Hochschule Luzern, Soziale Arbeit  
Institut de recherche économique de Neuchâtel  
Gruppo Azzardo Ticino Prevenzione, Bellinzona  
Istituto di ricerca sul gioco d'azzardo, Bellinzona  
National Problem Gambling Clinic UK, London  
Institut fédératif des addictions comportementales, Nantes  
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