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EXCESSIVE GAMBLING: PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HEALTH IN A DIGITALISED WORLD

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This symposium follows on from previous events entitled: "From legislation to action" and "Preventing excessive gambling within an addictive society" (University of Lausanne, 2005 and 2008), "Excessive gambling: Prevention and harm reduction" (University of Neuchâtel, 2014), "Gambling addiction: science, independence, transparency" (University of Fribourg, 2018).

The 5th edition of the symposium will focus on the impact of new information and communication technologies in the fields of the prevention and treatment for excessive gambling and addictive behaviours. This focus is underpinned by the right to health as a scope for action.

Keynote speakers

Plenary sessions: First invited speakers announced

- **Virve Marrioneau - Challenges and opportunities in regulating digital gambling**

Director of the Centre for Research on Addiction, Control, and Governance at the University of Helsinki.

- **Charles Livingstone - Reconstructing gambling research, and policy, for the 2030s: Preventing and reducing global gambling harm**

Associate Professor in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Australia

- **Daniel King - Gambling-gaming convergence: Public health dimensions of digital game monetisation**

Associate Professor and clinical psychologist, Flinders University, Australia

- **Sophia Achab - Up to date evidence-based approaches for treatment of addictive behaviours**

Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Research in Mental Health at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Geneva, Switzerland

General organisation

The event will include plenary sessions, parallel symposia and workshops, round table discussions, oral communications, posters, video material and stands. Communications are in four working languages: French, German, Italian, and English. Plenary conferences and main presentations will benefit from simultaneous translation. Social events on the evenings of 18th and 19th June will provide opportunities for informal exchanges.

Open list of themes

Public health and harm reduction - Social costs - Comparative law and framework conditions - Ethnology and socio-anthropology - Selective prevention - Community healthcare - Specialised therapies - Health at work - Relatives - Monitoring and evaluation - Neurobiology - Video games and addictive behaviours.

Targeted audience

- Gambling and addiction researchers
- Socio-health, legal and business professionals
- Clinicians, prevention and public health professionals

Place

The symposium will be held at the Caux Conference and Seminar Centre (<https://cauxpalace.ch/fr/>), above Montreux. The centre offers on-site accommodation. The cogwheel trainline that links Montreux to the Rochers-de-Naye, Caux is directly connected to the Swiss railway network, and is 1 hour and 40 minutes from Geneva airport (www.sbb.ch/fr).

Important dates

- Registration and call for abstracts: from 15.11.2024
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15.02.2025
- Reduced-rate registration deadline: 15.03.2025

Partnering organisations

Centre du jeu excessif, DP-CHUV, Lausanne
Hochschule Luzern - Soziale Arbeit
Unité de traitement des addictions, Fondation de Nant, Montreux
Direction de la santé et des affaires sociales, Fribourg
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University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland
Institut fédératif des addictions comportementales et Réseau national pour la prévention et le soin du jeu pathologique, Nantes
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