

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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 Neuchatel, 2014), and "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.

Targeted audience

- Socio-health professionals
- Legal and business professionals
- Political decision-makers
- Prevention and public health professionals
- Clinical practitioners
- Gambling and addiction researchers

SUBSCRIPTION AT www.gambling-problems-sympo.ch

	Until 12/03/25	From 13/03 to 15/05/25	From 16/05/25
Participant	CHF 490.-	CHF 590.-	CHF 690.-
Participant with presentation	CHF 470.-	CHF 470.-	CHF 570.-
Partner	CHF 470.-	CHF 570.-	CHF 670.-
Student	CHF 320.-	CHF 370.-	CHF 420.-

Meals

- The registration fee includes 2 coffee breaks and a buffet lunch on 19th and 20th June:
- Opening conference on Wednesday 18th June (6.00 pm): free
- Evening buffet on Wednesday 18th June: CHF 20
- Conference dinner on Thursday 19th June: CHF 40

Travel and accommodation:

The symposium will be held at the Caux Conference and Seminar Centre (<https://cauxpalace.ch/fr/>) above Montreux.

Located on the cogwheel railway line that links Montreux to the Rochers-de-Naye, Caux is directly connected to the Swiss rail network in 1 hour 40 minutes from Geneva airport (www.sbb.ch/fr).

Accommodation available on site.



18TH - 20TH June 2025 MONTREUX

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EXCESSIVE GAMBLING: PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HEALTH IN A DIGITALISED WORLD

5th International Multidisciplinary Symposium
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



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Wednesday June 18th 2025

From 08:15	<i>Parallel sessions and workshops, side events</i>
16:00	BREAK
17:30	<p>Opening plenary session: Innovative treatments Up to date evidence-based approaches for treatment of addictive behaviours <i>Sophia Achab, Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Research in Mental Health. Service d'addictologie HUG, Geneva, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Digital life and access thresholds: The FOPH's "Safezone.ch" project <i>Lucia Galgano, Project manager, Infodrog, Bern, Switzerland</i></p> <p>Discussion panel: <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i></p>
From 19:00	Buffet and music

Thursday June 19th 2025

From 08:15	Registration, coffee
09:00	<p>Welcome address</p> <p>Plenary session 1: Addressing ethical challenges: lessons learnt? Reconstructing gambling research, and policy, for the 2030s: Preventing and reducing global gambling harm <i>Charles Livingstone, Associate Professor in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Australia</i></p> <p>Frank Speaking: what gambling researchers can learn from tobacco control <i>Rebecca Cassidy, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Goldsmiths, University of London, United Kingdom</i></p>
10:45	BREAK
11:15	<p>Plenary session 2: The digitalisation of non-substance addictions Gambling-gaming convergence: The public health dimensions of digital game monetisation <i>Daniel King, Associate Professor (Research) and Clinical Psychologist in the College of Education, Psychology, & Social Work at Flinders University, Australia</i></p> <p>Epidemiological lessons from the pandemic and the contribution of Big Data to improve early detection (working title) <i>Sylvia Kairouz, Head of the Lifestyle and Addiction Research Lab, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Concordia University, Montréal, Canada</i></p>
12:15	<p>Round table discussion 1: <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i></p>
13:00	LUNCH
14:15	<i>Parallel sessions 1 (symposia and workshops)</i>
15:45	BREAK
16:15	<i>Parallel sessions 2 (symposia and workshops)</i>
17:30	BREAK
17:45	<i>Posters sessions / Side events</i>
From 20:00	Social event > <i>Conference dinner / music</i>

Friday June 20th 2025

From 08:30	Welcome
09:00	<i>Parallel sessions 3 (symposia and workshops)</i>
10:30	BREAK
11:00	<i>Parallel sessions 4 (symposia and workshops)</i>
12:30	LUNCH
13:45	<p>Plenary session 3 : New challenges in gambling regulation Challenges and opportunities in regulating digital gambling <i>Virve Marrioneau, Director of the Centre for Research on Addiction, Control, and Governance at the University of Helsinki, Finland</i></p> <p>The role of family and friends environment and the community, and suicide prevention (working title) <i>Liz Ritchie, Co-founder, "Gambling with lives" Association, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>Update on WHO work in the area of addictive behaviours <i>Dzmitry Krupchanka, Medical Officer at the Alcohol, Drugs and Addictive Behaviours Unit, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland</i></p>
15:15	BREAK
15:30	<p>Round table discussion 2: <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i></p>
16:30	Closing
17:00	CLOSING DRINK

Parallel symposia, workshops and posters

Deadline for submission of abstracts: extended until February 25th

Several workshop formats are available:

- 15-20 minutes oral presentations as part of 1.5-hour parallel sessions
- Poster presentations
- Possibility of offering continuing education workshops, themed round tables, presentation of prevention materials, stands, etc.

Open list of themes

- Public health and harm reduction
- Social costs
- Comparative law and framework conditions
- Ethnology and socio-anthropology
- Addictive behaviour and regulatory processes
- Selective prevention programmes
- Youth protection
- Community healthcare
- Specialised structures and therapies
- Health at work
- Relatives
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Neurobiology of addictive behaviour
- Video games and addictive behaviours.

Plenary conferences and round table discussions will benefit from simultaneous translation in French, English and German.

There will be three or four oral presentations per parallel sessions, followed by some time for discussion. Workshops will include a brief keynote presentation followed by an interactive session. The final choice of sessions and workshops content will depend on the outcome of the abstract submission process.

All posters will be briefly orally presented.