



31st Annual Conference of the National Association for Gambling Studies Ltd (NAGS)

15th - 17th November 2023
Adelaide, South Australia

Theme: "Follow the money: understanding the financial side of gambling and its practical and policy implications"

Call for Papers

The National Association for Gambling Studies (NAGS) welcomes submissions for the 31st Annual Conference to be held at the Pullman, Adelaide on 15th to 17th November 2023. Abstracts will be accepted until **31st August 2023**

The principal theme of this year's conference relates to the importance of money and payment systems in gambling.

We particularly encourage applications from persons both inside and outside the confines of academic research to address contemporary topics, and to generate discussion of issues affecting players, government, industry and the community.

Early submission is encouraged and submissions will be accepted on a first-in basis with early notifications sent to enable travel arrangements to be made.

. Topics aligned to this theme might include:

- Important developments in financial counselling and budget-setting strategies;
- The nature and prevalence of financial harm;
- How we capture accurate estimates of gambling expenditure;
- The distribution of gambling expenditure across different levels of gambling risk;
- Concerns about illegal activity associated with gambling;
- Precommitment and budget-setting technology;
- Voluntary vs. mandatory limits on expenditure;
- The role of financial institutions in gambling;
- Developments in cashless gaming and other digital payment methods;
- Financial literacy and gambler education;
- Understanding and measuring the various forms of chasing;
- Behavioural economics and gambling expenditure;
- Debt management and dealing with financial hardship;
- Sports-betting accounts and risk factors for over-expenditure.

The annual NAGS conferences attract national and international speakers from many different areas in the gambling field including, policy makers, industry representatives, researchers, clinicians, counsellors and a wide range of people working with communities. The aim of the conference is to explain and explore research and developments in regulatory practices, government policies, treatment and service delivery, community development and industry practices in order to share knowledge and expertise. To encourage attendance from across various sectors please let us know if you would like to receive Continuing Professional Development points when you register.

We invite presentations on a wide range of contemporary and emerging gambling related issues. Prospective presenters can choose between offering:

- Individual paper presentations,
- **Symposiums/workshops during the conference (up to 90 minutes),**
- **Full half-day workshops that would run on the Wednesday morning of the conference**
- Brief presentations,
- Panels/debates,
- Ideas forums

We welcome papers from both the field of gambling as well as gaming

Please note, that to ensure that a range of organisations are represented, we may limit the number of presentations from the same organisation.

Submissions are encouraged from students and currently enrolled NAGS student members. *Student members are eligible for the student presentation prize. Students wishing to present should submit an abstract for the brief presentation short format (15 minutes including questions) and presenters should indicate if they wish to be considered for the student prize when they submit their abstract. The prize is up to \$5000 to attend an international gambling-related conference.*

GUIDELINES FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE PRESENTERS

ALL submissions must:

- ◆ Be received electronically to conference@nags.org.au
- ◆ Comply with the instructions as specified below
- ◆ Be received by the submission deadline of **31st August 2023**

The Scientific Program Committee will review all submissions and selection of presentations will be partially determined by its requirement to:

- ◆ Achieve balance in the number of presentations under each theme or topic
- ◆ Limit multiple presentations from the same presenter/institution
- ◆ Ensure the range and diversity of NAGS interests are addressed

The Scientific Program Committee's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. All authors will be notified in as to whether their submission has been accepted by mid-September 2023 or earlier. Any queries should be directed to the conference organising committee at conference@nags.org.au

All presenters are required to fund their own travel and accommodation to the Conference and pay Conference registration fees.

All presentations will be made available on the NAGS website following the conference, unless specified by the presenter.

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED

1. Individual Presentations

Coverage of a broad area of contemporary issues related to gambling are invited. Prospective presenters must submit an abstract for consideration as specified below. Usually 20-30 minutes.

2. Symposiums or Workshops

As an alternative to the above individual presentations, we invite prospective delegates to submit a symposium presentation. It is anticipated that a symposium or workshop would run across a 60 or 90-minute session and would involve a group of presentations (e.g. 3-4) around a theme. Please indicate the length of time that is preferred, although the symposium length will be determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

To streamline submission processes, please provide a title and nominate a chairperson. The chairperson will be expected to submit an abstract on behalf of all presenters. The chair will be notified whether the symposium or workshop has been accepted. All speakers must be identified and confirmed at the time of submission.

3. Brief presentation and Ideas forum/Student presentations

Brief presentations are anticipated to run for 10 minutes followed by 5 minutes question time.

New and innovative ideas and thoughts to generate discussion are encouraged. This style of presentation may be appropriate for a small piece of research, pilot data or a theoretical paper.

A full abstract of the presentation is required. Use of audio-visual aids may be available but not encouraged.

4. Panel discussions & debates

One or more 60/90-minute sessions will be reserved for panel discussions or debates on a specific topic proposed by delegates. Submissions under this category need to be complete, i.e. delegates need to nominate a topic of discussion/debate and provide a full panel of three to five delegates who have agreed to talk on the topic for the session. Submissions also need to nominate a chair or moderator for the panel.

NAGS encourage panel discussions and debates on topics which are current and/or controversial and which reflect the range and diversity of the Association's interests. It is expected that nominated panel members have the relevant expertise/experience to talk on the topic with professionalism and purpose. Please note that the time allocated to this session will be determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

All abstracts should be submitted in accordance with the **Submission Guidelines** below.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Your submission must be in the form of an electronic Word document formatted in Times New Roman single spaced 12 font, justified text, no indents, a single line space between paragraphs and include:

- Title of Paper (14 font, uppercase, bold)
- All authors listed with presenting author underlined
- Contact details of the presenting author including title, position, organisation, postal address, email, and telephone
- Abstract of 250 words or less
- A clear statement of the implications of the material to be presented and how it aligns with the Conference theme, i.e., the 'so-what?' of the presentation (50 words maximum)
- 50-word (max) biography of presenting author
- Please indicate clearly at the top of the abstract whether your presentation is a **Paper presentation, Symposium or Workshop, Brief presentation, Panel/Debate**
- Unless specified otherwise, all presentations will be included on the NAGS Conference website
- A laptop computer and projector will be made available for all presentations. If additional audio/visual requirements are required, this must be specified and arranged with the Conference organisers

SUBMISSION SELECTION CRITERIA

Submissions will be evaluated with consideration to the extent to which they:

- Are written with clarity and coherence
- Reflect new and innovative thought on a topic
- Contribute to innovative practices
- Reflect work to a scientific, scholarly and/or professional standard
- Include implications likely to be effective in enhancing participants' knowledge



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ABOUT NAGS

NAGS is Australia's leading forum on gambling - providing opportunities for open and respectful discussion and encouraging all participants to share their knowledge, expertise and opinions.

The Association is a not-for-profit, self-funding organisation that, as a body, has no opinions or biases in the gambling debate, however individual members of the Association hold a diverse range of views.

The NAGS Annual Conference is an excellent medium for knowledge sharing, networking with colleagues and exploring opportunities for discussion and collaboration with all other stakeholders in the gambling domain.

The objectives of the Association are:

- To promote, conduct, commission, develop and coordinate opportunities for research into gambling and activities associated with gambling.
- To act as an agent for the collection and dissemination of information and data related to gambling and associated activities.
- To develop, encourage and provide improved research standards and better facilities for research and analysis so as to assist and encourage members to achieve improved research skills; and
- To further knowledge and understanding of gambling and gambling related issues in the community.

NAGS FINANCIAL SUPPORT / SPONSORSHIP

NAGS derives its funding from member fees and conference proceeds. NAGS seeks conference sponsorship from all stakeholders as a means of minimising registrant costs – particularly as these relate to the funding of meals and social events – in order to enhance the accessibility and affordability of the conference for all.

Sponsorship is accepted only in accordance with NAGS policy that:

- (i) funds cannot influence conference program content or choice of speakers; and
- (ii) NAGS does not promote commercial gambling products/services or any special interest group agenda.

For further information about sponsorship please contact us to request a copy of the NAGS Conference Sponsorship Opportunities (nags@nags.org.au).