



# **30th Annual Conference of the National Association for Gambling Studies (NAGS)**

## **18th-20th November 2020**

### **Sydney, New South Wales**

**From Responsibility to Accountability: Putting Principles into Action**

## **Call for Papers**

The National Association for Gambling Studies (NAGS) welcomes submissions for the 30th Annual Conference to be held at the Hilton, Sydney on 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The theme of this year's conference is 'From responsibility to accountability: Putting principles into action' 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.

Abstracts will be accepted until 30<sup>th</sup> July; 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.

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.

Please note, that to ensure that a range of organisations are represented, we may limit the number of presentations from the same organisation. There will be no limits on the number of posters presented from the same organisation or student submissions.

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.



## GUIDELINES FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE PRESENTERS

**ALL** submissions must:

- ◆ Be received electronically to [conference@nags.org.au](mailto:conference@nags.org.au)
- ◆ Comply with the instructions as specified below
- ◆ Be received by the submission deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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 August as to whether their submission has been accepted. Any queries should be directed to the conference organising committee at [conference@nags.org.au](mailto: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.

### 2. Symposiums

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 presentations including 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.

Students can apply to give brief presentations to be considered for the student presentation award (see additional details). Students should use audio-visual aids.

#### **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.

#### **5. Posters**

A poster session will be held during the conference. The poster session is ideal for people from community organisations, students and early career researchers to present their gambling-related research in a relatively informal setting. The poster session is designed to provide conference attendees with the opportunity to engage with other delegates, share their research ideas and gain feedback from others.

Read more about research posters [here](#)

An award will be given for the best poster.

##### **Poster specifications**

The poster submission can address any topic related to gambling, problem gambling or ways to provide a healthier approach to gambling. Each poster should make at least one recommendation or discuss one implication on the practical relevance of the material.

Presenters are responsible for printing and transporting their posters to be set-up during the conference. Please indicate in your submission if you would like assistance with printing and transporting your poster. Charges will apply to cover these costs.

Posters should have a maximum height of 0.9m and max width of 1.5m. An ideal poster will have a balance of text and figures which are sufficiently large to be read from a 1m distance. In addition to the poster which will be displayed during the conference, presenters must develop a one-page summary to be distributed to delegates.

All abstracts should be submitted in accordance with the **Submission Guidelines** below. Submissions not accepted as papers may be invited to be presented as a poster.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

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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 an **Individual presentation, Symposium, Brief presentation, Student presentation, Panel/Debate or Poster**
- Please include a statement if you wish to be considered for the student presentation award
- 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**

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**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

Special consideration will also be given to papers that are from authors eligible for the NAGS Student Presentation Award (*see further for eligibility requirements*).

## ABOUT NAGS

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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 STUDENT PRESENTATION AWARD

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To be eligible students must:

- (a) Be currently enrolled as students in an Australian tertiary education institution whose study encompasses the field of gambling research;
- (b) Be sole presenters of the paper;
- (c) Be registered and paid NAGS members; and
- (d) Be presenting their own work which is based on the completion of some form of research involving the collection of data.

Interested presenters **MUST** register their eligibility for the Award on the Submission Form. Presenters who do not register their interest will not be considered for the Award.

Applicants must already have had their abstract accepted for inclusion in the conference by the Conference Organising Committee.

Student Application Forms available [HERE](#)