



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GAMBLING STUDIES INC.

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## **New perspectives and practice: Insights from gamblers, treatment-providers, government, industry, community services, and academia**

### **BRISBANE HOSTS IMPORTANT NATIONAL GAMBLING STUDIES CONFERENCE**

Queensland will host the 28th National Association for Gambling Studies Inc. (NAGS) Conference from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Sofitel, Turbot Street, Brisbane.

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.

NAGS promotes research into all areas of gambling, including responsible gambling and harm minimisation. The Association brings together academics, gambling counselling practitioners, government bodies, the gambling industry and gamblers from national and international destinations for debate and discussion on gambling related issues at our Annual Conference each year.

Our conference features two very informative and engaging keynote speakers. Prof. Michael Wohl from Carleton University is presenting a keynote address on the innovative concept of using loyalty cards as a means of harm minimisation through behavioural tracking. This topic is pertinent not only to loyalty card use but also to online account holders where tracking expenditure is easily managed. Complementing this topic, Assoc. Prof. Nicki Dowling from Deakin University is providing the second keynote address on breaking new grounds in treatment interventions that incorporate mobile just-in-time adaptive and transdiagnostic techniques.

President of NAGS, Professor Alex Blaszczynski of the University of Sydney, said that NAGS will include many interesting papers this year with speakers drawn from counselling agencies, government and industry.

**For further information and comment, please contact: Alex Blaszczynski on 0412 207 109**

- *Keynote speakers will be available for media interviews*

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