



18th Annual Conference

**Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Australia
3-5 December 2008**

Preliminary Notice and Call for Papers

Prospective presenters are invited to submit proposals to present at the 18th Annual National Association for Gambling Studies Conference. Our conferences attract and welcome national and international presentations from the full spectrum of speakers, ranging from internationally renowned experts to students giving their first academic presentation. The aim of the conference is to be an international forum for discussion on all areas of gambling research.

Opportunities to present in 2008 fall under the following two categories:

- **General**
- **Ideas Forum**

Guidelines for the submission of papers under each of the two categories are provided below. Please note that all presentations will be listed in the Conference program.

General

Papers are invited under the General category. The General category is identical to the approach you are probably familiar with from previous NAGS conferences or other similar conferences. Papers are usually of 30 minutes duration (20-25 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for questions), but a limited number of longer workshop presentations are also invited. Prospective presenters need only submit an abstract for consideration and the Program Subcommittee will select those papers that will be accepted for inclusion in the Conference program. Submission of an abstract for consideration is not a guarantee of acceptance.

Selection of papers by the Working Group will be partially determined by its requirement to:

- Achieve balance in the number of papers presented under each theme or topic
- Limit multiple presentations from the same presenter/institution if this appears to lead to repetition or an inequitable distribution of presentation opportunities
- Ensure the range and diversity of the Association's interests are addressed

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used as the basis for selection of papers for inclusion in the Conference.

Essential Criteria:

- Are received by the due date of 31st July 2008
- Comply with instructions for completion of abstracts

Highly Desirable Criteria:

Preference will be given to those papers which:

- Reflect scientific, scholarly work, written with clarity and coherence
- Contribute to scholarship and/or new or innovative practice
- Represent complete or substantially complete work (literature reviews and progress reports are not acceptable. Preference will be given to papers that discuss outcomes or results from research or program evaluations rather than merely outlines of future work (unless it is particularly innovative).
- Reflect new and innovative thought on the subject matter with an underpinning theoretical framework
- Reflect appropriate application of research methodology and/or conceptual framework
- Will be submitted in full by 31 January 2009 for publication in the NAGS Conference Proceedings

Preferential Consideration:

Special consideration will be given to papers which:

- Are from presenters who have not presented at previous National Association for Gambling Studies Conferences
- Are from authors eligible for the National Association for Gambling Studies Student Presentation Award (must be a current full time enrolled student in an Australian tertiary education institution whose study encompasses the field of gambling research)

Submission Details

Submissions must:

- Be received electronically, either by disk to:
“National Association for Gambling Studies Conference Abstracts, Dr. Paul Delfabbro, School of Psychology, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia, 5005.
- Be submitted with the Abstract Submission Form available from our website www.nags.org.au
- Comply with the instructions on the Abstract Submission Form

The Working Group's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Abstracts must be submitted with the Abstract Submission form available on the website. The absolute deadline for submission of abstracts is **31st July 2008**.

All authors will be notified in late August whether their paper has been accepted for inclusion in the Conference program.

Peer Review Opportunity

All papers received in full for the conference proceedings in January 2009 will be reviewed by the current editors of Gambling Research, the Association's peer-reviewed journal. Papers that are considered to be of a standard sufficient for formal publication will be identified. Authors will be contacted and invited to submit the papers to Gambling Research for full peer review. To be considered, such papers must not have been previously submitted, or published, in other peer reviewed journals.

Ideas Forum

This is a category that has also been introduced as a result of feedback from past conference delegates. A 90 minute session will be reserved in the conference program to allow a number of individual, 10-15 minute presentations or briefings. These may be on any aspect of the gambling arena. New and innovative ideas and thoughts to generate discussion are encouraged.

It is intended that presenters in this session will talk or lead a discussion for a maximum of 10 minutes. This would allow approximately 9 presentations during that time. Use of audio visual aids may be available but not encouraged.

To submit for this category, complete the appropriate submission form. The deadline for submissions is 31st July 2008.

All authors will be notified in late August whether their paper has been accepted for inclusion in the Ideas Forum section of the Conference program.

Publication of Powerpoint Presentations

All powerpoint presentations will be published on the NAGS website. If presenters do not want this happen, they will be asked to contact the conference organisers by email or during the conference.

For all Prospective Presenters

Any queries should be directed in the first instance to nags@nags.org.au or paul.delfabbro@psychology.adelaide.edu.au

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