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[Casino revenues still in freefall; operators hope worst is behind](#)

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[Europe focuses on responsible gaming. Integrity and sport will be the focus of the second Responsible Gaming Day held in Brussels and hosted by the EGBA.](#)

February 16, 2009. Online Casino Reports.

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Featured Research

[Can treatment be short and sweet? A comparison of brief interventions for problem and pathological gamblers](#)

Chandler, T. (2008).

Disordered gamblers do not typically seek treatment (Slutske, 2006). Therefore, it is important to test brief interventions because these strategies might attract more treatment-seeking gamblers than more extensive treatment. Previous WAGERS (see WAGER 13(5) and 11(9)) have reviewed some of these interventions. This week the WAGER reviews a study examining the efficacy of three types of brief interventions for disordered gamblers (Petry, Weinstock, Ledgerwood, & Morasco, 2008).

Call for Papers, Grant Proposals, RFPs, and Nominations

[Call for Papers: Durand Jacobs Award](#)

The International Centre for Youth Gambling Problems and High-Risk Behaviors at McGill University invites submissions to the 2008 Durand Jacobs Award competition, to be awarded to the best graduate student paper related to the psychology of addictive behaviors. This annual award is dedicated to Dr. Durand Jacobs' lifelong efforts to help mentor students. Published and/or publishable papers will be considered by the selection committee, comprised of an international panel of experts in the field. The recipient will receive an award plaque and their work will be featured in the Youth Gambling International newsletter.

Please submit all entries electronically to [alissa.sklar@mcgill.ca](mailto:alissa.sklar@mcgill.ca). If you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Alissa Sklar by email, or telephone: 514-398-2470.

Deadline for submissions is February 27th, 2009.

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### Call for Nominations: Tibor I. Barsony Bursaries

The Responsible Gambling Council is inviting nominations for the Tibor I. Barsony Bursaries to be awarded at the Discovery 2009 conference.

The awards are designed to support mainly full-time students who undertake a noteworthy project or study related to the prevention of problem gambling. A maximum of three \$1,000 bursaries will be awarded to students attending post-secondary institutions in Ontario.

To nominate a student, write a letter of not more than one page outlining the reasons for proposing the individual for the award and his/her contributions to the field.

Correspondence must be received by April 3, 2009:

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Upcoming Events

[Banff Conference on Internet Gambling](#)

March 27 - 28, 2009 - Banff, Alberta, Canada

[Responsible Gambling Council Discovery 2009 Conference](#)

April 19 - 22, 2009 - Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

[Western Regional Problem Gambling Awareness Conference](#)

May 1 - 2, 2009 - Vancouver, Washington, USA

[2009 Massachusetts Conference on Gambling Problems](#)

May 12, 2009 - Worcester, Massachusetts, USA

[Nordic Conference on Problem Gambling, Treatment and Prevention](#)

May 18 - 20, 2009 - Helsinki, Finland

[14th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking](#)

May 25 - 29, 2009 - Stateline, Nevada, USA

[2009 Annual Conference North American Gambling Regulators Association](#)

June 2 - 5, 2009 - Washington, D.C., USA

[23rd National Conference on Problem Gambling Prevention, Treatment,](#)

[Responsible Gaming, Research and Recovery](#)

June 25 - 27, 2009 - Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

[Gambling and Addictions Symposium 2009](#)

September 3 - 4, 2009 - Montréal, Quebec, Canada

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Hope you've enjoyed this edition of Newscan. We'll see you again next week!

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