



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of the 8th European Conference on Gambling Studies & Policy Issues that will take place 14 – 17 September 2010 in Vienna, Austria, we will organise two very special pre-conference workshops on Tuesday 14 September 2010.

1. Merging Compulsive Gambling Treatment and the Criminal Justice System

Presenter: Judge Mark Farrell, Gambling Treatment Court, State of New York

With the emergence of gaming as major recreational and economic force in the 21st century society, the spectre of pathological and compulsive gambling has created compelling issues for the criminal justice system.

Judge Mark G. Farrell implemented the World's First Gambling Treatment Court in Amherst, New York in 2001.

In the workshop **Judge Farrell** will discuss factors surrounding the original planning, implementation and operation of the Gambling Treatment court entity. In addition to a power point presentation, he will also discuss the factors affecting identification, processing and effective therapeutic intervention with compulsive gamblers within the criminal justice environment and how these principles can be applied to criminal justice settings in Europe.

2. Symptomatic and Causal Behavioural Treatments for Pathological Gambling

Presenters: Professor Dr. Iver Hand and Florentine Larbig, Verhaltenstherapie Falkenried (Behavioural Therapy Falkenried, Gambling Project)

As yet, there is no internationally agreed upon "evidence based" treatment for problem and pathological gambling (PG).

Nevertheless, in many countries "addiction", cognitive behavioural psychodynamic, pharmacological and "eclectic" treatments are applied. The diagnosis of PG does not comprise a homogenous group of patients.

Several primary psychiatric disorders, many kinds of psychological distress, as well as painful experiences in the course of life affect the multi-causal bases of PG.

Tentatively, some recommendations will be given based on many years of experience and on follow up studies with the symptomatic as well as the causal approach.

Florentine Larbig will present the content and her personal experience with the implication of a symptom-centred, manualised CBT for PG by Nancy M. Petry.

Iver Hand will present content and results of his Hamburg "Systematic – Strategic BT" approach, developed already in the 80's.

Role play and presentation of participants' problem patients will be encouraged. A lively group discussion can clarify issues further.



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You can **participate in only one of the workshops** as both take place on **Tuesday 14 September 2010, from 13.30 – 17.00 hours** (including a tea/coffee break).

The costs for participating in this half day workshop are:

- €65,00 when registered and paid before 15 July 2010
- €95,00 when registered at a later stage

Both workshops are connected to the conference but can be attended separately from the conference as well.

For further information and details on the registration, please contact Andrea Evers or Ynze Remmers at conference@easg.org

Please visit our website www.easg.org for all details on the conference.

I hope we will be able to meet you in Vienna.

On behalf of the organising committee,
Pieter Remmers