

“STRIKING A BALANCE”

**THIRD NATIONAL ABORIGINAL
GAMBLING AWARENESS CONFERENCE**

JUNE 5TH – 7TH, 2007

**VICTORIA INN AND CONVENTION CENTRE
1808 WELLINGTON AVENUE
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The **3rd National Aboriginal Gambling Awareness Conference** will provide participants with opportunities to explore the Aboriginal gambling and problem gambling area in more depth. "*Striking a Balance*", this year's theme, will demonstrate the importance of sharing knowledge in the area of responsible gambling.

The conference will draw upon the experience of researchers, community and treatment service providers, policy makers and the gaming industry to help participants learn more about problem gambling in Aboriginal communities and to create awareness of problem gambling resources and treatment approaches. Participants will learn more about responsible gaming issues and research, plus hear about current research into Aboriginal problem gambling.

ABOUT THE PLENARY SPEAKERS

Harold Wynne, Ph.D. A leading international authority in gambling research, Dr. Wynne heads up Wynne Resources, a research and consulting firm in Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. Wynne's expertise includes gambling & social research, policy strategist & analysis, management consulting, population surveys and more. He is also a program developer, adult educator, academic, and community development practitioner, and willingly shares his expertise to help others learn.

Mark Anielski President of his family-owned consulting firm, Anielski Management Inc., which specializes in measuring the well-being of communities and organizations. Mark has developed a new Genuine Wealth accounting model for measuring and managing the sustainable well-being of nations, communities and businesses. He has pioneered alternative measures of economic progress, including the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) and other quality of life indicators. He is currently advising the Chinese government on how to green their GDP and national income accounting system.

Lorna Dyal, Ph.D. Currently, Dr. Dyal is a Senior Lecturer at Te Kupenga Hauora Maori (Division of Maori Health) at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Auckland University. Lorna is involved in teaching at an undergraduate and postgraduate level and research related to gambling and Maori health development, including stroke and older people. She has been involved in facilitating Maori awareness and involvement in gambling policy developments since the mid 1990s and will share her findings related to her PhD and experience of being involved in supporting both a Maori and public health perspective of gambling.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

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| 7:30 am | Registration & Trade show booths open |
| 8:45 am | Opening Prayer & Conference Opening AMC-Grand Chief Ron Evans; AFM-CEO John Borody |
| 10:00 am | Plenary Session: Harold Wynne, Ph.D. " <i>The Horns of a Dilemma: Establishing Gambling in Aboriginal Communities</i> " |
| 10:30 am | Health break |
| 11:00 am | Concurrent Sessions |
| 12:15 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 2:45 pm | Health Break |
| 3:15 pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 7:00 pm | Evening Event |

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

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| 8:30 am | Coffee |
| 9:00 am | Plenary Session: Mark Anielski " <i>Measuring the genuine well-being impacts of gambling on First Nations</i> " |
| 10:30 am | Health Break |
| 11:00 am | Concurrent Sessions |
| 12:15 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30 pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 2:45 pm | Health Break |
| 3:15 pm | Concurrent Sessions |
| 7:00 pm | Evening Event |

Thursday, June 7, 2007

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| 8:30 am | Coffee |
| 9:00 am | Plenary Session: Lorna Dyal " <i>Kanohi ki te Kanohi: A Maori Face to Gambling</i> " |
| 11:45 am | Lunch |
| 1:00 am | Closing Ceremony & Conference Wrap up |

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Addictions & problem gambling counselors & community workers
- Allied professionals working involved with Aboriginal issues and communities including:
 - Social workers, mental health workers
 - Child & family services workers
 - Corrections staff
 - Health care professionals
 - Clergy
 - EAP consultants
 - Educators, school counselors
- Gaming industry staff
- Gaming regulator

CONCURRENT SESSION TOPICS

GAMBLING RESEARCH

- **Gambling & Problem Gambling in First Nations Communities: Treaty Three** (James Henderson, Fort Frances, Ontario, Jill Oakes, Ph.D., Linda Bird Comegan, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
- **Anishinaabe & Indigenous Ceremonies: Connecting our Ways of Understanding with Addressing Problem Gambling – from our origins to today** (Tobasonakwut Kinew, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
- **Exploring Gambling & Problem Gambling in Urban Aboriginal Communities in Ontario** (Sharon Reynolds, Toronto, Ontario)
- **Investigating the Socio-Economic costs & Benefits of Gambling in Aboriginal Communities** (Cheryl Currie, Edmonton, Alberta)
- **Pathological & Problem Gambling Among Native North Americans: Recommendations for Action** (Durand Jacobs, Redlands, California)
- **Current Trends in Gambling Research** (Jackie Lemaire, AFM, Winnipeg, Manitoba)

RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

- **"You Can't Beat Randomness"** (Val Charlette, AFM, Thompson, Manitoba)
- **Gambling Addiction Is Not Part of My Heritage** (Sharon Reynolds, Toronto, Ontario)
- **Gambling: What It Costs & What You Need to Know** (Alan Daly, AFM, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
- **Juggling The Cosmos: Aspects of Aboriginal Traditional Gambling** (Brenda Daily, Greenwood, BC)

- **Casinos Regina & Moose Jaw: A Unique Approach to Responsible Gaming** (Laurie Norman, Regina, Saskatchewan)
- **Sharing Indigenous Traditions & Knowledge on Gaming** (AMC-Elders Council, Winnipeg, Manitoba)
- **Prevention, Outreach, Community Partnership: A Saskatchewan Experience** (Bill Ursel, Shauna Altrogge, SK)

TREATMENT OF PROBLEM GAMBLING

- **The Treatment of Problem Gambling in the Aboriginal Population** (Ken Akan, Regina, Saskatchewan)
- **Symbolic Representation of Gambling within Family Systems** (Ruth Ann Linklater, Edmonton, Alberta)
- **The Impact of Problem Gambling on Intimate Partners/Allying with Intimate Partners** (Cathy Dickson, Price Albert, Saskatchewan)
- **Responsible Gambling to Responsible Play among Aboriginal People** (Alice Marchand, Randy Keeshig Macleod, Brenda Jenkins, Frog Lake, Alberta)
- **Holistic Treatment for Problem Gambling Awareness & Education (Mobile and in House)** (William Crowe-Buffalo, Fort Qu-Appelle, Saskatchewan)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee includes lunch & refreshments.

Registration:

Early Bird Registration Fee: \$175.00

Deadline – May 4

Registration Fee: \$225.00

Contact Janette Thomas at (204) 956-0610 for additional registration information

For more information on the conference, please contact:

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ACCOMMODATIONS:

For Conference Rates of \$89.00/night, please book under the National Aboriginal Gambling Awareness Conference.

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