

International Think Tank on Gambling Research, Policy and Practice: Purpose and Overview

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Vision

An international network of scientists, researchers, policy makers, service providers, gambling industry members and interested others collaborating to advance understanding of gambling in the context of public health and social/economic development

Purpose

(Revised 2010)

- ✿ A forum to address globally significant issues and developments in gambling policy, services and research
- ✿ To foster cooperation within the network
- ✿ To identify, develop and promote evidence-based policies and practices

Meetings

- ✿ The Think Tank has been convened eight times, in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016 prior to international conferences in Auckland
- ✿ Satellite, subgroup meetings have been held in various locations including Melbourne in 2009, 2011 and 2013 and Toronto in 2015 and Banff in 2017

Administration

- ✿ The Gambling and Addictions Research Centre (AUT)
- ✿ The Victorian Department of Justice co-hosted two regional meetings and the 2013 regional meeting was co-hosted by the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation
- ✿ This 2015 regional meeting was co-hosted by the Gambling Research Exchange Ontario



Participants

- ✿ Participation is by invitation and numbers are limited to 60 to facilitate discussion and group process
- ✿ Diversity and major stakeholder engagement is sought including academics, service providers and users, industry executives, officials and regulators

Format

Short presentations on important topics to
focus and stimulate discussion

2014 Think Tank

- ✿ Treatment-client nexus and updates on stepped care, brief interventions, clinical trials
- ✿ Regulation and consumer protection
- ✿ Gambling impact studies and research funding
- ✿ Prospective studies - updates

2015 Toronto Regional Meeting

- ✿ Adolescents, iGaming, Social gaming
- ✿ Updates on Clinical Trials and Longitudinal Studies
- ✿ Select Populations (women and indigenous groups)
- ✿ Reports from the working groups established at Think Tank 2014 (KTE, Consumer Protection, Public Health, Minimum Dataset)
- ✿ Moving research into action (Treatment, Regulation, Operator, Policy)

2016 Think Tank

- ✿ Gambling and the WHO
- ✿ Consumer protection
- ✿ Updates and new findings on treatment, self-help and recovery
- ✿ Working group updates
- ✿ Measurement of gambling and gambling problems/harm
- ✿ Prospective studies - updates

2017 Alberta Regional Meeting

- ✿ Updates on longitudinal studies
- ✿ Reports from working groups and discussion
- ✿ On-line gambling
- ✿ Ethics in research
- ✿ Industry Funding
- ✿ EGMs
- ✿ Gambling-related harm – what is it? How assessed?